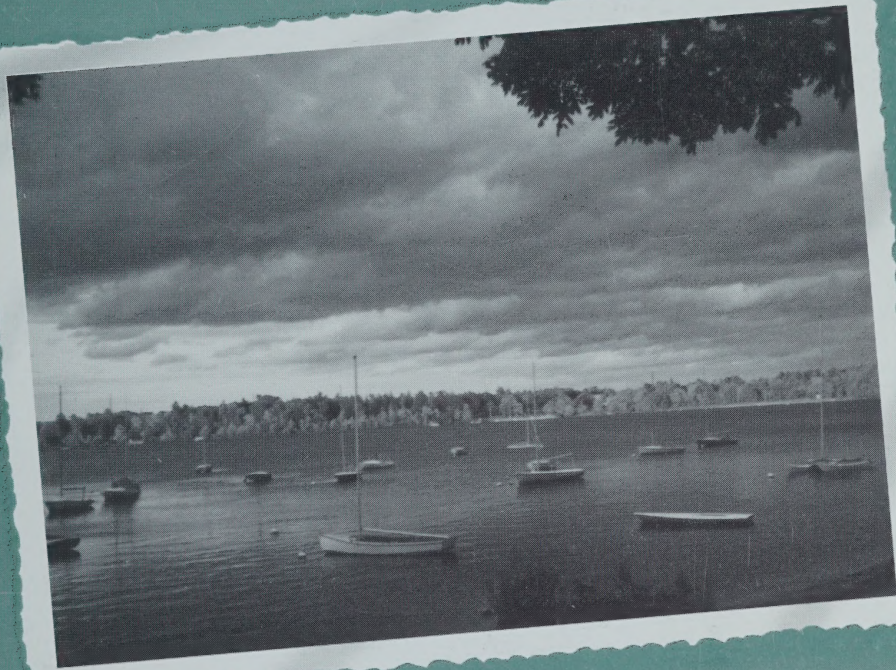


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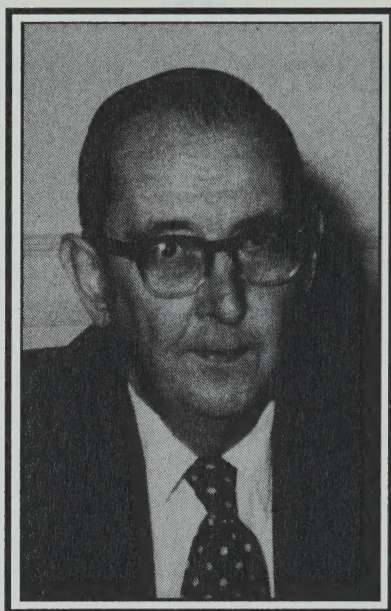
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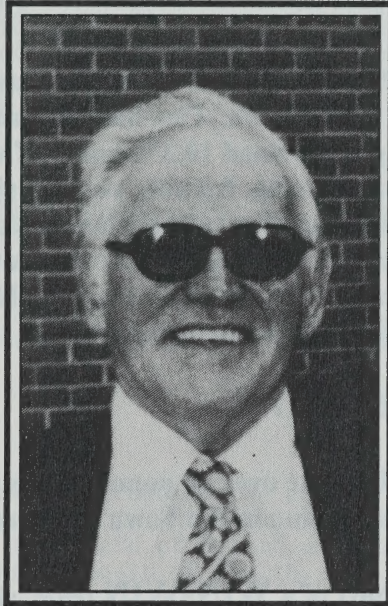
IN MEMORIAM

JAMES J. DOWD

1918 - 1996

Sharon High School Principal 1958-1969

Superintendent of Schools 1975-1979



IN MEMORIAM

JAMES J. LEONARD

1916 - 1996

Representative to Southeastern Regional
Vocational Technical High School 1971-1996
Sharon Fourth of July Celebration Committee 1973-1996
Sharon Home Delivered Meals 1979-1996
Civil Defense Director 1961-1962
Gate Guard at the Lakefront 1947

DID YOU KNOW...

That in 1996, the Sharon Council on Aging provided \$134,000 worth of services to the Town. One hundred and fifty nine volunteers of all ages provided 10,273 hours of various types of services including driving, friendly visiting, shoveling, leading classes and programs, tax assistance, etc. These in-kind services were provided at no cost to the Town and assisted approximately 500* seniors, 126 disabled persons, and many young families with school-age children.

AND DID YOU KNOW...

That in the year 2000, the over 60 population is predicted to be 14.5% of the population in the Town of Sharon.

If you want to be part of a WIN-WIN team, sign up to be a volunteer through the Council on Aging. Share your expertise with us or let us help you find a match for your interests, talents, and time. You may also want to consider signing up for our "TAG ALONG" program enabling a senior to "hitch a ride" with you on your way to your own doctor, business, appointment, etc.

Call 784-8000 and ask for our Volunteer Coordinator.

***AND 11 MONTHLY ISSUES OF THE SHARON SUNDIAL NEWSLETTER TO 2,500 SHARON SENIORS AND "FRIENDS OF THE SHARON COA"**

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 1996

Pursuant to the provisions of the warrant of January 18, 1996, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. Town Clerk, Shirley S. Davenport, read the call and return of the warrant.

At this point the moderator asked for permission of the meeting for the following non-voters to address the meeting: Paul Sutton and Tom Gecewitz. There was no descent to this request.

MOTION to take up Article 8 at this time. **NOT CARRIED.**

ARTICLE 1.

VOTED: That action under Article 1 be indefinitely postponed. (This article called for criteria currently being used to determine if there is a valid need to carry firearms within the Town, making it easier to obtain a permit to carry a firearm.)

Votes in the affirmative 389. Votes in the negative 219. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 2.

VOTED: That the Town rescind the action taken at the election of March, 1966 pursuant to which the Town voted to have the Selectmen act as the Board of Health and, thereupon, to establish a five-person elected Board of Health.

Such election shall be held by ballot at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting and shall elect two persons each for three year terms, two persons each for two year terms and one person for a one year term and, thereafter, all persons to be elected for the term of three years. Persons seeking election to such office shall designate the term for which they are seeking election.

Upon the election and qualification of such persons, they shall have all the duties and obligations imposed upon them by law.

ARTICLE 3.

VOTED: That action under Article 3 be indefinitely postponed.
(This article called for an appointed five (5) member Board of Health.)

ARTICLE 4.

VOTED: That the Town vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L.C.c 41, S 21, to direct and authorize the Selectmen to include in the warrant for the next annual meeting for submission to the voters the following question, to be placed on the official ballot:

Shall the Town vote to have its Selectmen appoint a Board of Health consisting of three members?

YES
NO

ARTICLE 5.

VOTED: That action under Article 5 be indefinitely postponed.
(This article would provide for an elected Board of Health.)

ARTICLE 6.

VOTED: That action under Article 6 be indefinitely postponed.
(This article would establish within the Town of Sharon a committee to be known as the Town Facilities Planning Committee.)

ARTICLE 7.

VOTED: That the sum of \$150,000 be transferred from "surplus revenue" and be added to the "Reserve Fund" for Fiscal Year 1996.

ARTICLE 8.

MOVED: That the Town increase the number of Selectmen from three (3) to five (5). Such election shall be held by ballot at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting and shall elect two persons each for three year terms, and one person for a two year term and, thereafter, all persons to be elected for the term of three years.

Persons seeking election to such office shall designate the term for which they are seeking election.

Upon the election and qualification of such persons they shall have all the duties and obligations imposed upon them by law.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO MOVE THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

MOTION: That the Town increase the number of Selectmen from three (3) to five (5). Such election shall be held by ballot at the 1996 Annual Town Meeting and shall elect two persons each for three year terms, and one person for a two year term and, thereafter, all persons to be elected for the term of three years.

Persons seeking election to such office shall designate the term for which they are seeking election.

Upon the election and qualification of such persons they shall have all the duties and obligations imposed upon them by law, **NOT CARRIED.**

Votes in the affirmative 172. Votes in the negative 320. A standing vote.

VOTED TO DISSOLVE THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 1996 AT 10:20 P.M.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WITHIN THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 1996

Pursuant to the provisions of the warrant of January 26, 1996, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium 10:25 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. Town Clerk, Shirley S. Davenport, read the call and return of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1.

MOVED: That the Town recommend to the Board of Selectmen that said Board affirm the vote taken at its meeting of September 28, 1995: "to dedicate one athletic field for baseball at the Oakland Road Site subject to the conditions of the Conservation Commission and the Police Chief."

VOTED TO MOVE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 10. Votes in the negative 1. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the Town recommend to the Board of Selectmen that said Board affirm the vote taken at its meeting of September 28, 1995: "to dedicate one athletic field for baseball at the Oakland Road Site subject to the conditions of the Conservation Commission and the Police Chief."

VOTED TO DISSOLVE THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WITHIN THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 1996 AT 11:15 P.M.

Attendance: 672.

ATTEST:

**SHIRLEY S. DAVENPORT
SHARON TOWN CLERK**

FY 96 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
12-Feb-96

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	SURPLUS REVENUE
ARTICLE 7 RESERVE FUND	\$150,000.	\$150,000.
TOTAL	\$150,000.	\$150,000.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

MARCH 5, 1996

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of January 25, 1996, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, qualified to vote in elections met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, March 5, 1996. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Shirley S. Davenport who read the call and return of the warrant. The warden for the election was Beth A. Kourafas. The wardens for Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were named as follows: Karolyn Stuczynski, Barbara Testa, Marjorie Dunn, Elizabeth Farrar and Doris Annis. Clerks and workers were: Edna Walden, Doris Queeley, Ann Loiselle, Eleanor Herburger, Diane Curtis, Mollie Sonion, Carolyn Bickoff, Diane Donovan, Priscilla Levenson, Libby Kafka, Josephine Cabral, Shirley Schofield, Helen Bouffard, Mildred Worthley, Lillian Kaplan, Barbara Ellis, Judy Greenfield, Linda Lyons, Karen Goober, Frankie Darrow, Lynn Wolbarst, Irene Scott, Mary Kelly, Eleanor Schwartz, Judith Katz, Trudy Leonard, Herbert Pozner, Barbara Ripley, David Savage, James Testa, Doris Gladstone, Joseph Petrosky, Morton Kaufman, Bernard Rosenberg, Barry Zlotin. The ballot boxes were shown to be empty and registered zero; the ballot boxes were locked and the keys delivered to Officer of the Day, Stephen Coffey. All election officers and workers were sworn.

At 8:00 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Total votes were as follows: Precinct 1 - Republican - 178, Democratic - 114, Libertarian - 0, Total 292; Precinct 2 - Republican - 214, Democratic - 88, Libertarian - 2, Total 304; Precinct 3 - Republican - 203, Democratic - 108, Libertarian - 0, Total 311; Precinct 4 - Republican - 192, Democratic - 104, Libertarian - 2, Total 298; Precinct 5 - Republican - 226, Democratic - 100, Libertarian - 0, Total 326. Grand Totals: Republican 1013, Democratic 514, Libertarian 4. Total vote: 1531. The ballots were canvassed according to law by an OPTECH III-P Eagle Precinct Ballot Tabulator. Results were transcribed on summary sheets and declaration was made by Town Clerk Shirley S. Davenport at 8:50 P.M. as follows:

DEMOCRATIC

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE							
Bill Clinton	105	80	97	97	92	471	
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	1	0	1	1	1	4	
No Preference	4	6	6	4	6	26	
Write-In	0	1	1	0	1	3	
Blanks	4	1	3	2	0	10	514
STATE COMMITTEE MAN							
William R. Keating	103	85	98	98	95	479	
Write-In	0	0	2	1	1	4	

Blanks	11	3	8	5	4	31	514
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN							
Sally A. Linton	82	59	75	77	68	361	
Write-In	0	1	0	1	1	3	
Blanks	32	28	33	26	31	150	514

DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Mary E. Lindberg	62	47	60	59	63	291	
Steven M. Rudnick	59	51	60	65	63	298	
William R. Keating	95	72	84	89	89	429	
Mitchell Blaustein	61	56	60	66	67	310	
Thomas R. Taylor	55	45	53	60	60	273	
Anne M. Carney	71	51	63	69	70	324	
Judith A. Katz	62	55	66	66	70	319	
Marguerite Murphy	59	47	54	61	62	283	
Joel Fishman	65	51	66	67	69	318	
Susan D. Keating	70	47	64	69	72	322	
William R. Forsythe	59	48	53	61	61	282	
Jonathan C. Rutley	57	45	52	59	62	275	
Ellen Wilbur	63	47	58	65	66	299	
Chester Stern	62	49	60	64	68	303	
E. David Levy	59	49	58	60	64	290	
Jack Connors	73	54	65	69	71	332	
Michael Cook	64	52	60	62	65	303	
Jeremy A. Milner	60	48	59	61	70	298	
Louis Kafka	86	63	81	84	81	395	
Colleen M. Tuck	71	53	69	66	70	329	
Alfred D. Savage	59	47	56	64	67	293	
Jeanne F. Vaillancourt	59	46	56	64	64	289	
Thomas R. Hughes	56	48	52	62	63	281	
Koshy Mathews	55	47	56	59	60	277	
Susan Yas	61	54	59	64	65	303	
Walter Larkin	56	46	56	60	61	279	
Blank	2,331	1,762	2,200	1,945	1,757	9,995	

REPUBLICAN

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE							
Richard G. Lugar	6	9	5	4	6	30	
Morry Taylor	0	0	1	1	0	2	
Phil Gramm	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Patrick J. Buchanan	29	15	25	23	48	140	
Bob Dole	95	113	111	112	114	545	
Steve Forbes	24	54	35	29	38	180	
Lamar Alexander	14	16	19	17	10	76	
Alan Keyes	7	2	4	3	6	22	
Robert K. Dornan	1	0	0	0	0	1	
No Preference	0	1	1	2	1	5	
Write-In	2	2	1	1	2	8	
Blanks	0	2	1	0	1	4	1013
STATE COMMITTEE MAN							
Jeffrey L. Tufts	76	91	80	94	103	444	
Write-In	2	2	1	2	1	8	
Blanks	100	121	122	96	122	561	1013
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN							
Holly J. Robichaud	23	29	12	24	27	115	

Deborah K. Markson	106	124	132	120	135	617	
Write-In	1	1	0	1	0	3	
Blanks	48	60	59	47	64	278	1013

TOWN COMMITTEE

Earl Gashin	67	78	89	95	108	437	
Deborah K. Markson	82	94	97	99	117	489	
Ronald P. Rogers	71	80	86	102	102	441	
Bernard J. Delman	75	82	102	97	112	468	
Phyllis G. Brookfield	84	87	91	95	116	473	
Donald W. Brookfield	85	86	93	95	115	474	
Michele C. Hanss	68	71	80	87	98	404	
Lee Barron Wernick	80	94	100	97	111	482	
Daniel A. Edmonds	72	76	82	94	105	429	
Chandler W. Jones	81	83	91	100	109	464	
Robert P. Berish	70	111	102	104	122	509	
Lorna J. Archdeacon	68	72	79	89	104	412	
Glen Maurer	66	73	85	91	97	412	
Tina N. Kasimer	67	74	83	90	97	411	
William D. Kasimer	65	71	81	90	98	405	
Alla B. Palmin	65	71	85	88	98	407	
David N. Despres	74	75	85	97	103	434	
Glenn D. Steward	70	70	81	86	104	411	
Alan B. Ames	76	85	94	93	118	466	
Thomas A. Lamattina	69	75	84	90	99	417	
Michael A. Fish	70	80	88	90	101	429	
Edwin S. Little	100	98	105	103	131	537	
Roger Bridgeman	69	74	84	91	102	420	
Sandra Mazer	68	80	89	93	103	433	
Hyman Stramer	76	74	85	96	102	433	
Edward Krass	67	73	84	86	100	410	
Marjorie Dunn	4	0	1	8	1	14	
Blanks	4,321	5,403	4,799	4,274	5,137	23,934	

LIBERTARIAN

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE							
Harry Browne	0	2	0	2	0	4	
Rick Tompkins	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Irwin Schiff	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Write-In	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Blanks	0	1	0	2	0	3	4

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	0	2	0	2	0	4	4

TOWN COMMITTEE

Write-In	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	0	2	0	2	0	4	4

Total Registered Voters: 10,080

Percent Voting: 15%

Absentee Ballots: 36

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

MAY 7, 1996

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of April 11, 1996, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections, met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 7, 1996. The warden for the election was Beth A. Kourafas. The wardens for Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were named as follows: Edna Walden, Barbara Testa, Marjorie Dunn, Elizabeth Farrar and Doris Annis. The meeting was called to order by Shirley S. Davenport, Town Clerk, who read the call and return of the warrant. Clerks and workers were: Doris Queeley, Barbara Katz, Eleanor Herburger, Diane Curtis, Betty Farquhar, Carolyn Bickoff, Diane Donovan, Alice Stern, Libby Kafka, Josephine Cabral, Shirley Schofield, Kate Foley, Eleanor Schwartz, Linda Lyons, Judy Greenfield, Helen Bouffard, Connie Darrow, Matilda Cohen, Robin Goodband, Barbara Ellis, Irene Scott, Patricia Spaulding, Frankie Darrow, Judith Katz, Gertrude Leonard, Herb Pozner, Deborah Markson, David Savage, Joseph Petrosky, Morton Kaufman, Bernard Rosenberg, James Testa, Barbara Ripley. The ballot boxes were shown to be empty and registered zero. The ballot boxes were locked and the keys delivered to Officer of the Day, Donald Williams. All election officers and workers were sworn.

At 8:00 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Total votes were as follows: Precinct 1 - 580; Precinct 2 - 404; Precinct 3 - 542; Precinct 4 - 550; Precinct 5 - 468. Total votes cast - 2544. The ballots were canvassed according to the law by an OPTECH III-P Eagle Precinct Ballot Tabulator. Results were transcribed on summary sheets and declaration was made by Town Clerk Shirley S. Davenport at 8:45 P.M. as follows:

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
SELECTMAN (3 YEARS)						
*HENRY D. KATZ	301	245	297	235	221	1,299
WALTER B. ROACH, JR.	255	148	224	294	233	1,154
BLANKS	24	11	21	21	14	91
MODERATOR (3 YEARS)						
*GEORGE E. DONOVAN	454	311	432	402	368	1,967
BLANKS	126	93	110	148	100	577
TOWN CLERK (3 YEARS)						
*SHIRLEY S. DAVENPORT	480	330	462	442	376	2,090
BLANKS	100	74	80	108	92	454
ASSESSOR (3 YEARS)						
*PAULA B. KEEFE	404	280	377	367	318	1,746
BLANKS	176	124	165	183	150	798

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 YEARS)						
*NANCY S. RUBENSTEIN	264	236	305	248	221	1,274
DRORIT BOGEN	195	131	145	160	138	769
*LINDA R. LURIE	206	146	189	219	197	957
GEORGE S. MELLMAN	207	124	158	204	153	846
LISE D. RUBIN	93	49	94	100	81	417
BLANKS	195	122	193	169	146	825
PLANNING BOARD (5 YEARS)						
*ROGER STEIN	364	253	363	363	302	1,645
BLANKS	216	151	179	187	166	899
PUBLIC LIBRARY (3 YEARS)						
*MARCIA P. BRIDGEMAN	380	265	363	372	314	1,694
*DAVID CROCKER, JR.	398	247	356	361	301	1,663
BLANKS	382	296	365	367	321	1,731
HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 YEARS)						
*ARNOLD M. KUBLIN	379	266	357	361	301	1,664
BLANKS	201	138	185	189	167	880
BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YEARS)						
KATHLEEN BRADY	276	161	226	278	260	1,201
STANLEY L. ROSEN	273	182	271	262	205	1,193
STEVEN E. ROSS	305	226	312	290	238	1,371
BLANKS	306	239	275	270	233	1,323
BOARD OF HEALTH (2 YEARS)						
GREGORY A. OFFRINGA	179	86	132	209	143	749
SUSAN O. PECK	307	193	275	327	269	1,371
RONNA BERNSTEIN WALLACE	239	195	245	227	184	1,090
BLANKS	435	334	432	337	340	1,878
BOARD OF HEALTH (1 YEAR)						
PAUL BIRNBAUM	236	212	259	249	203	1,159
JONATHAN E. REICH	141	56	89	143	114	543
BLANKS	203	136	194	158	151	842
QUESTION NO. 1						
"SHALL THE TOWN VOTE TO HAVE ITS SELECTMEN APPOINT A BOARD OF HEALTH CONSISTING OF FIVE MEMBERS?"						
*YES	283	197	271	239	221	1,211
NO	272	175	241	283	218	1,189
BLANKS	25	32	30	28	29	144
*ELECTED						
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 10,033						
ABSENTEE BALLOTS: 73						
PERCENT VOTING: 25.4%						

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 13, 1996

Pursuant to the provisions of the warrant of April 11, 1996, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

Prayer for divine guidance was offered by Rabbi Myer Sendor. Town Clerk, Shirley S. Davenport, read the call and return of the warrant. The meeting was called to order by Moderator George E. Donovan.

At this point the Moderator asked for permission of the meeting for the following non-voter to address the meeting: Larry Koff.

VOTED: That this town meeting be adjourned to reconvene at this auditorium upon the adjournment or dissolution of the Special Town Meeting of May 13, 1996.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 13, 1996

ARTICLE 1.

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain, under M.G.L. c. 79, an easement or fee simple for purposes of improving a public way, or a portion of that parcel of real estate, consisting of approximately 30 square feet, more or less, in Sharon and located at the intersection of Washington Street, Canton and Sharon Street, Stoughton, commonly known as Cobb Corner. Said land is owned by the Mittell Family Trust, c/o Mobil Property Division, P.O. Box 290, Dallas, Tx 75221, or others, and is shown on Sheet 4 of a Plan of land entitled Sharon-Stoughton-Canton-Cobb Corner construction plan, drawn by Bruce Campbell Associates, dated August 15, 1995, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk; said parcel is recorded in Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, Book 6199, Page 603; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the purpose thereof.

ARTICLE 2.

MOTION that action under Article 2 be indefinitely postponed, **NOT CARRIED.**

VOTED: That the town authorize the Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission, or other local authority, on behalf of the Town, to seek and obtain registration of Old Post Road, or portions thereof, in the State Register of Historic Places or a comparable designation that will seek to preserve the historical, culture, and/or scenic significance of said Road or portions thereof.

VOTED THAT THIS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING BE DISSOLVED.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

MAY 13, 1996

VOTED: That the meeting adjourn at 11:00 P.M. or at the completion of the Article then under discussion and to reconvene on Tuesday evening, May 14, 1996, at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

VOTED: To take up Articles 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 at this time.

(The Moderator explained that in order to minimize confusion and due to the similarity of their nature, Article 24 and 27 would be discussed together. Since Article 27 is broader than Article 24, all motions would be entertained under Article 27.

ARTICLE 27.

MOVED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$405,000 for the costs of engineering, architectural and construction management services to plan for an addition to the Sharon High School to create additional classroom spaces and to enhance and improve the library/media center and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$405,000 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7.

MOVED TO AMEND: By deleting, in both instances, the amount of Four Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$405,000.00) and substituting therefore each time the sum of Five Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$571,327.00) as it appears in the motion.

VOTED TO MOVE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 75. Votes in the negative 30. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$571,327.00 for the costs of engineering, architectural, and construction services to plan an addition to the Sharon High School to create additional classroom spaces and to enhance and improve the library/media center and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$571,327.00 under M.G.L. c.44, s7.

Votes in the affirmative 668. Votes in the negative 124. A standing vote.

MOVED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,057,258.00 for the costs of remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to and constructing, originally equipping, and furnishing an addition to the Sharon High School to create additional classroom spaces and to enhance and improve the library/media center and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$6,057,258.00 under M.G.L. c.44, s7 and/or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended.

MOVED TO AMEND: By adding after the words "library/media center", "and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire the land with buildings thereon situated at 175 Pond Street, Sharon, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, listed in the Sharon Assessors Office as Parcel Number 081-123-000, and now or formerly owned by Miste Realty Trust, Mansfield, Massachusetts, Philip Finer, Trustee."

VOTED TO MOVE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 10. Votes in the negative 1. A standing vote.

MOTION: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,057,258.00 for the costs of remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to and constructing, originally equipping, and furnishing an addition to the Sharon High School to create additional classroom spaces and to enhance and improve the library/media center and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase, take by eminent domain, or otherwise acquire the land with buildings situated at 175 Pond Street, Sharon, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, listed in the Sharon Assessors Office as Parcel Number 081-123-000, and now or formerly owned by Miste Realty Trust, Mansfield, Massachusetts, Philip Finer, Trustee and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$6,057,258.00 under M.G.L. c. 44, s7 and/or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, **NOT CARRIED.**

MOVED: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,057,258.00 for the costs of remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to and constructing, originally

equipping, and furnishing an addition to the Sharon High School to create additional classroom spaces and to enhance and improve the library/media center and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$6,057,258.00 under M.G.L. c.44, s7 and/or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended.

VOTED TO MOVE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 45. Votes in the negative 9. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,057,258.00 for the costs of remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to and constructing, originally equipping, and furnishing an addition to the Sharon High School to create additional classroom spaces and to enhance and improve the library/media center and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$6,057,258.00 under M.G.L. c.44, s7 and /or Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as amended.

Votes in the affirmative 539. Votes in the negative 236. A standing vote.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER ARTICLE 27, NOT CARRIED.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:25 P.M.

Attendance: 874

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 13, 1996

The Annual Town Meeting of May 13, 1996 was adjourned at 11:20 P.M. to reconvene at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium on Pond Street on Tuesday, May 14, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. then and there to act on all unfinished business in the Annual Town Warrant of 1996.

Attest:

Shirley S. Davenport
Sharon

May 14, 1996

This is to certify that I have posted a copy of the above notice in accordance with Town By-Laws.

Joseph Bernstein,
Constable
Sharon, Massachusetts

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 14, 1996

ARTICLE 25.

MOVED: That the Town establish a Committee to be known as the High School Expansion Project Selection Committee, to be made up of five members as follows: one member to be chosen by the School Committee, one member to be chosen by the Board of Selectmen, one member to be chosen by the Capital Outlay Committee, one member to be chosen by the Finance Committee, and one member to be chosen by the Town Moderator. Said Selection Committee shall make appointments to the High School Expansion Project Committee, to be made up of five members. The Selection Committee will make reasonable efforts to have the Expansion Committee include at least one engineer, one architect and one person with financial expertise. The High School Expansion Committee is hereby charged with determining the extent of necessary high school facilities, and the preparing of working drawings and specifications for an addition and renovation of the high school building, and to contract for architectural, engineering, and consultant services and otherwise carry out all action taken under Article 27 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

VOTED TO AMEND: By striking the words "five" where it appears after the words "High School Project Expansion Committee" and replace it with the words "not less than seven."

VOTED: That the Town establish a Committee to be known as the High School Expansion Project Selection Committee, to be made up of five members as follows: one member to be chosen by the School Committee, one member to be chosen by the Board of Selectmen, one member to be chosen by the Capital Outlay Committee, one member to be chosen by the Finance Committee, and one member to be chosen by the Town Moderator. Said Selection Committee shall make appointments to the High School Expansion Project Committee, to be made up of not less than seven. The Selection Committee will make reasonable efforts to have the Expansion Committee include at least one engineer, one architect and one person with financial expertise. The High School Expansion Committee is hereby charged with determining the extent of necessary high school facilities, and the preparing of working drawings and specifications for an addition and renovation of the high school building, and to contract for architectural, engineering, and consultant services and otherwise carry out all action taken under Article 27 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

VOTED: That the meeting adjourn at 11:00 P.M. or at the completion of the Article then under discussion and to reconvene

on Wednesday evening, May 15, 1996, at the Arthur E. Collilns Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 26.

VOTED: That action under Article 26 be indefinitely postponed. (This article provided for the establishment of a High School Expansion Project Committee.)

ARTICLE 28.

VOTED: That action under Article 28 be indefinitely postponed. (This article called for an appropriation for engineering and architectural services at the High School.)

ARTICLE 2.

VOTED: That the Town elect to the Finance Committee the following named:

For a three-year term:

LINA BROMBERG - 176 Wilshire Drive
MICHAEL COPE - 10 Osprey Road
JANIS EDINBERGH - 9 Meadowlark Lane
LEE WERNICK - 19 Condor Road

For a one-year term:

MARC BLUESTEIN -3 Livingston Road

ARTICLE 3.

VOTED: That the reports of the various officials, boards and committees be received for filing.

ARTICLE 4.

MOTION: To amend the Finance Committee's Motion under Article 4 by deleting, in Appendix A, Section 1.100, Code E-10, Police Chief, Section 2.100, Pay Schedule/Annually, the sum of \$77,000.00 and substituting therefor the sum of \$60,001.00, **NOT CARRIED.**

VOTED: To amend the Personnel By-Law of the Town of Sharon, or act in any way relating thereto:

A. By adopting as amendments to said By-Law, the following interim and/or emergency changes, additions or deletions by the Personnel Board in its authority under Section 2.6 of the By-Laws:

- 1) To establish an Interim By-Law change to place the position of Part-Time Social Services Assistant for the Council on Aging in the Miscellaneous Category effective March 29, 1994 with the following salary schedule:

<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>
\$10.28	\$10.59	\$11.00

- 2) To establish an Interim By-Law change to grant a 3% increase to the Part-Time Social Services Assistant for the Council on Aging to be retroactive to July 1, 1995 with the following rates:

<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>
\$10.59	\$10.91	\$11.33

- 3) To establish an Interim By-Law change to classify the position of the Van Driver for the Council on Aging to be placed under the Miscellaneous Category with the following rates:

<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>
\$7.50	\$7.88	\$8.27

- 4) To establish an Interim By-Law change to change the language in Section 7-6 (the paragraph following Section 7-6 (c)) to read as follows:

No more than 5 days vacation leave shall be carried over to the next calendar year without the approval of the Personnel Board acting on the recommendation of the Department Head. Vacation leave in excess of the 5 days maximum carryover must be used prior to the start of the leave year or it is forfeited unless approved by the Personnel Board. Employees are advised to request such leave and have it approved well in advance to avoid forfeiture.

- 5) To grant a 3% increase for Step 1 in the ITS Contract to be retroactive to July 1, 1995.
- 6) To establish an Interim By-Law change to create a new part-time secretarial position for the Zoning Board of Appeals to be classified as a Group III position to be effective July 1, 1996.
- 7) To create a new Step 4 for the Administrative Secretary to the Finance Committee at the rate of \$12.01 per hour to be effective July 1, 1996.
- B. By striking out all classification schedules and pay schedules in Appendix A and substituting new classification schedules and new pay schedules Appendix A and B as of July 1, 1996 and effective new dates where applicable.

APPENDIX A

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CONTAINED WITHIN CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE SECTION ENTITLED 1.100-1.300 WITH ASSOCIATED PAY SCHEDULE SECTION 2.100-2.300 ARE NOT COVERED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

EXECUTIVE CATEGORY JULY 1, 1996 - JUNE 30, 1997

SECTION 1.100 CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.100 PAY SCHEDULE/ANNUALLY

CODE		
E-2	Superintendent of Public Works	\$66,790
E-3	Town Engineer	59,150

E-4	Town Accountant	46,718
E-5	Recreation Director	50,000
E-6	Library Director	43,775
E-8	Assistant Assessor	43,597
E-9	Council on Aging Exec. Dir.	37,936
E-10	Police Chief	77,000
E-11	Fire Chief	64,660
E-12	Treasurer/Collector D.P. Mgr.	65,000

SECTION 1.200
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.200
PAY SCHEDULE

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (wkly) \$671.61

	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
SECY-BOARD OF SELECT/EXEC. SECY (hrly)	\$9.82	\$10.51	\$11.26	\$12.02	\$12.34

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 1.300
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.300
PAY SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1996

TITLE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
VETERANS' AGENT (YRLY)					9,334.00
SEALER OF WEIGHTS/MEASURES (YRLY)					1,500.00
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER FILL-IN (DAILY)					35.00
ANIMAL INSPECTOR (YRLY)					1,000.00
CUST/MAINT (HOURLY)	4.91	5.23	5.55	5.89	
DPW TEMP/SUMMER LABOR (HRLY)	6.36	6.97	7.62		
LIBRARY PAGE (HRLY)	4.74	4.92	5.12	5.33	
ADM. SECRETARY - FINANCE COMM. (HRLY)	9.48	10.59	11.44	12.01	
VAN DRIVER - COUNCIL ON AGING (HRLY)	7.50	7.88	8.27		
SOCIAL SERVICES ASSISTANT - COUNCIL ON AGING (HRLY)	10.59	10.91	11.33		

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT - PART-TIME
EFFECTIVE May 1, 1996 (HRLY)

	<u>STEP 1</u>	<u>STEP 2</u>
Waterfront Supervisor	\$7.71	\$8.10
Water Safety Instructor	6.42	6.74
Lifeguard	5.78	6.07
Head Gateguard	5.78	6.07
Gateguard	5.14	5.39
Sailing Supervisor	7.42	7.74
Sailing Instructor	6.42	6.74
Playground/Camp Supervisor	7.42	7.74
Playground/Camp Counselor	6.42	6.74
Tag & Sticker Clerk	7.00	7.35

NOTE: Executive and certain Miscellaneous Category positions represent the joint recommendations of the Personnel Board and the appropriate

appointing authority (i.e., Board of Selectmen, Library Trustees and Assessors).

APPENDIX B

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS CONTAINED WITHIN CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE SECTIONS ENTITLED 1.400-1.800 WITH ASSOCIATED PAY SCHEDULE SECTIONS 2.400-2.800 ARE COVERED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY JULY 1, 1995 - JUNE 30, 1996* 2 3/4% INCREASE

SECTION 1.400 CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE GROUP I

SECTION 2.400 PAY SCHEDULE/WEEKLY

TITLE	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
Super.Hwy. Oper.	583.10	623.94	667.60	714.32	764.33
Super.Water	583.10	623.94	667.60	714.32	764.33
Bldg.Insp.	583.10	623.94	667.60	714.32	764.33
Pub.Health Nurse**	364.31	389.96	417.26	446.45	477.68

GROUP IA

Lieutenant, Police Dept.	1,072.20	1,104.36	1,137.48	1,171.62	1,206.77
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GROUP II

DPW Adm. Asst.	553.57	592.31	633.78	678.12	725.59
Sr.Eng.Aide	553.57	592.31	633.78	678.12	725.59
Asst.Rec. Dir.***	553.57	592.31	633.78	678.12	725.59
Conservation Officer	553.57	592.31	633.78	678.12	725.59
Supervisor, Forestry & Grounds	553.57	592.31	633.78	678.12	725.59

GROUP II-A

Asst.Oper. Super.	525.53	561.85	600.98	642.92	689.04
Eng.Aide	525.53	561.85	600.98	642.92	689.04
Eng.Aide/GIS Tech.	525.53	561.85	600.98	642.92	689.04
Athletic Sup.Rec.	525.53	561.85	600.98	642.92	689.04

GROUP II-B

DP Sys. Admin.	606.57	649.04	694.48	743.10	795.10
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GROUP III

Animal Control Officer**	351.70	376.71	397.43		
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*This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

**25 hour week

***37 1/2 hour week

INDUSTRIAL, TRADE AND SERVICES CATEGORY
JULY 1, 1995 - JUNE 30, 1996*

SECTION 1.500
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.500
PAY SCHEDULE/HOURLY

	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4
Working Foreman (Water)	ITS-3A	14.05	14.40	14.70	15.07
Senior Water Systems Tech.	ITS-3A	14.05	14.40	14.70	15.07
Working Foreman	ITS-3	13.64	13.99	14.29	14.65
Master Mechanic	ITS-4	13.15	13.45	13.74	13.99
Aerial Lift Oper.	ITS-4	13.15	13.45	13.74	13.99
Sign Maker	ITS-4	13.15	13.45	13.74	13.99
Water Systems Tech.	ITS-5A	12.66	13.06	13.36	13.69
Spec.Hvy.Equip.Oper.	ITS-5	12.29	12.66	12.96	13.29
Night Custodian**	ITS-5	12.29	12.66	12.96	13.29
Auto Equip.Op.	ITS-6	11.95	12.23	12.45	12.75
Skilled Laborer	ITS-6	11.95	12.23	12.45	12.75
Main.Man-Cust	ITS-6	11.95	12.23	12.45	12.75
Labor Group II	ITS-7	11.24	11.51	11.78	12.04
Labor Group III	ITS-8	10.83	11.02	11.28	11.51
Auxiliary Labor	ITS-9	10.33	10.54	10.70	10.87

*This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

**Night Custodian -- Employees holding job title "Night Custodian" position classification ITS-5 shall, in addition to the regular hourly rate of compensation associated with the same, be compensated the sum of thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each week.

OFFICE OCCUPATION CLASSIFICATION

SECTION 1.600
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE
SCHEDULE/HOURLY

SECTION 2.600
PAY

GROUP I

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK
ASSISTANT TREASURER
ASSISTANT TOWN ACCOUNTANT/ASSISTANT TO VETERANS' AGENT
POLICE SECRETARY
ASSISTANT COLLECTOR
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

GROUP II
ASSISTANT TOWN ACCOUNTANT
LIBRARY CIRCULATION SUPERVISOR
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - LIBRARY
ASSESSOR - CLERK I
EDP OPERATOR-SENIOR BOOKKEEPER
ELECTION/REGISTRATION SECRETARY CLERK
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-HEALTH DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-PLANNING BOARD
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-COUNCIL ON AGING
TREASURY SUPERVISOR
COLLECTION SUPERVISOR

GROUP III
DPW SECRETARY
SECRETARY/CLERK ACCOUNTING/VETERANS' AGENT
SECRETARY-PERSONNEL BOARD
POLICE CLERK
SECRETARY CLERK ACCOUNTANT
SENIOR BOOKKEEPER-TREASURER
SECRETARY-FIRE DEPARTMENT
LIBRARY TECHNICAL SERVICE ASSISTANT
SECRETARY-ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

GROUP IV
SECRETARY-RECREATION
LIBRARY ASSISTANT
CASHIER CLERK
SECRETARY-CONSERVATION COMMISSION
ASSESSOR-CLERK 2
JUNIOR BOOKKEEPER-REAL ESTATE

SECTION 1.600	SECTION 2.600
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE	PAY
SCHEDULE/HOURLY	

JULY 1, 1994 - JUNE 30, 1995*					
CODE	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
GROUP I	11.30	12.07	12.95	13.83	14.19
GROUP II	10.24	10.94	11.74	12.52	12.85
GROUP III	9.25	9.90	10.61	11.33	11.63
GROUP IV	8.38	8.93	9.56	10.28	10.53

LIBRARY - RECREATION DEPARTMENT					
TITLE	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>
GRADE I Library/Comm'ty Center Custodian & Custodial Maintenance	8.62	9.16	9.76	10.34	10.89
GRADE II Library/Comm'ty Center Custodian	7.82	8.33	8.87	9.40	9.89

WEEKLY

Bus Driver/ Weekly	306.21	329.11	349.97	372.86	393.83
ATP 9A Head Info.Serv./ Asst.Dir.	472.49	505.66	541.04	578.93	619.41
ATP 9B Child. Serv.Librarian	445.74	477.04	510.43	546.15	584.36
Tech Services Librarian	445.74	477.04	510.43	546.15	584.36
ATP 9 Information Ser.Librarian	419.02	448.42	479.80	513.38	549.30

*This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

PUBLIC SAFETY CATEGORY

SECTION 1.700
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

SECTION 2.700
PAY SCHEDULE/WEEKLY

POLICE DEPARTMENT
JULY 1, 1995 - JUNE 30, 1996* (3%)

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
Police Chief	PD-110					\$1,480.77**
Sergeant	PD-80					752.13
Patrolman	PD-60	513.69	548.22	584.39	627.55	
		PD-60A	PD-60B	PD-60C	PD-60D	
		1ST YR.	2ND YR.	3RD YR.	4TH YR.	

POLICE DISPATCHERS
JULY 1, 1995 - JUNE 30, 1996*

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
CIVILIAN DISPATCHER (HRLY)	PD-40	9.12	9.75	10.40	11.05	11.82

POLICE CROSSING GUARDS

JULY 1, 1995 - JUNE 30, 1996*

TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD (DAILY)	PD-20	23.76	25.90	28.48

SCHOOL CROSSING
GUARD
SUPERVISOR
DAILY) PD-20A 35.65

PD-20 and PD-20A--The amounts of pay shown in the above schedule shall be paid in the event that school is canceled due to snow.

The amounts of pay shown in the above schedule do not include the extra pay for educational qualifications provided for in the statutes and regulations of the State.

Members of the Police Department while so designated by the Chief of Police shall receive additional compensation to be considered part of their base pay as follows:

DETECTIVE PATROLMAN	\$35.00 PER WEEK
PROSECUTOR	\$35.00 PER WEEK
MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR (SELECTIVE ENFORCEMENT)	\$17.54 PER WEEK
ACCREDITATION MANAGER, COMPUTER MANAGER	\$17.54 PER WEEK
DARE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	\$17.54 PER WEEK
CRIME PREVENTION OFFICER	\$17.54 PER WEEK
SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT OFFICER	\$17.54 PER WEEK

The pay of the Police Chief, including all overtime pay and extra pay for educational qualifications, shall be limited to \$77,000.00 effective 7/1/96 (Non-Civil Service).

Any patrolman, appointed without being required to take the written examination, shall be paid the base pay rate called for by step 1 of the pay schedule for a period of six months following his appointment, and, upon the expiration of said six-month period, shall be paid the base pay rate provided for by step 2 unless he shall have previously been employed full time as a police officer, in which case he shall be paid the base pay rate under the step he would have been paid if his prior employment had been in the Sharon Police Department. Notwithstanding the step increase or increases provided herein, a patrolman's probationary period shall be the probationary period provided for in 5-5 of this By-Law or in the collective bargaining agreement, whichever is applicable.

*This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

**The salary of the Police Chief is effective 7/1/96 through 6/30/97.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

SECTION 1.800			SECTION 2.800			
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE			PAY SCHEDULE/WEEKLY			
JULY 1, 1996 - JUNE 30, 1997						
TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
FIRE CHIEF	100					\$1,243.46
JULY 1, 1995- JUNE 30, 1996 (3%)*						
TITLE	CODE	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5
DEP.CH.	FD-95					758.63
CAPT.	FD-90					722.06

LT.	FD-80					714.33
FF.	FD-60	511.90	542.43	571.25	610.13	
		A	B	C	D	

Members of the Fire Department in the above classifications who become certified, are certified or are recertified as Emergency Medical Technicians shall receive an annual stipend. Employees not now certified will be given the opportunity to obtain such certification, one at a time. Employees taking the certification course a second or subsequent time will receive overtime payments and tuition reimbursement only upon passing the EMT examination and becoming certified.

Members of the Fire Department are eligible to receive additional compensation in each fiscal year in accordance with the following educational incentive program:

For Fire Science Course approved in advance by the Fire Chief and successfully passed and credits certified, members of the Fire Department in the above classifications shall receive additional compensation in each fiscal year in accordance with the following schedule:

FOR 15 COURSE CREDITS CERTIFIED	\$ 200 ANNUALLY
FOR 30 COURSE CREDITS CERTIFIED	400 ANNUALLY
FOR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE CERTIFIED	1,000 ANNUALLY
FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE CERTIFIED	1,500 ANNUALLY

Payments for Emergency Medical Technician Certification Program shall be made on the second pay in the month of November. Educational Incentive, effective 7/1/95, shall be added to base wage.

CALL FIREFIGHTERS
HOURLY COMPENSATION RATE

7/1/95 - 6/30/96*
\$8.63/Hr.

*This is the rate that has been in effect, and will continue to be in effect, until such time as a new collective bargaining agreement is executed.

ARTICLE 5.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate for the various town offices and for defraying charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest for fiscal year, July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997, the various sums stated as "FY'97 Recommendation" by the Finance Committee and shown in the "Article 5 Recapitulation" on pages 52-55 of the warrant for this annual meeting, except the following:

Board of Selectmen	Town Clerk
Reserve Fund	Ambulance
Assessors	School

VOTED:

Moderator	50.
Finance Committee	4,516.
Accountant	130,400.

Treasurer	218,856.
Law	69,000.
Personnel Board	3,203.
Data Processing	99,925.
Elections & Registration	59,660.
Conservation Commission	28,538.
Lake Management Committee	1,000.
Planning Board	12,986.
Board of Appeals	6,000.
Development/Industrial Commission	1.
Affirmative Action	0.
Town Report	8,200.
Sign Committee	50.
Police	1,664,798.
Fire	937,019.
Sealer of Weights & Measures	1,530.
Animal Inspector	1,000.
Civil Defense	7,500.
Animal Control	36,671.
S.E. Regional	114,250.
Vocation Tuition	8,200.
Department of Public Works	1,460,219.
Street Lights	269,430.
Health	138,675.
Council on Aging	76,918.
Veteran's Agent	13,154.
Veteran's Graves	1,600.
Commission on Disability	500.
Housing Partnership	200.
Library	465,254.
Recreation	251,659.
Historical Commission	400.
Community Celebrations	1,300.
Insurance	2,006,133.
FICA: Medicare	150,000.
FICA: Social Security	70,000.
Debt: Principal	2,288,000.
Debt: Interest	912,224.
Water Division	1,322,387.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$165,196 for the Board of Selectmen's budget, of which \$500 shall be for the salary of the Chairman and \$800 for the salaries of the other members, and \$163,896 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$350,000 for the Reserve Fund of which \$212,072.71 shall be transferred from the Overlay Reserve Account with the balance of \$137,927.29 raised on the tax levy.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$151,793 for the Board of Assessors' budget, of which \$1,950 shall be for the salary of the Chairman, \$3,150 shall be for the salaries for the other members, and \$146,693 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,100 for the Town Clerk's budget, of which \$44,100 shall be for the salary of the Town Clerk, and \$37,000 shall be for other salaries, wages and expenses.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$89,220 for the Ambulance budget, of which \$44,175 shall be transferred from the Ambulance Reserve Account, with the balance of \$45,045 raised on tax levy.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,781,815* for the School budget of which \$1,674,253 shall be transferred from "Free Cash" with the balance of \$14,107,562 raised on the tax levy.

*Note: Reflects reduction (5115) Athletic Director Salary

ARTICLE 6.

VOTED: That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund to be known as the School Bus Revolving Fund in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2.

The purpose of this fund shall be to support the fee-based student transportation system established for those students not eligible for free transportation. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be monies collected from parents and guardians of students who are not eligible for free transportation and who wish to purchase school bus transportation. The Superintendent of Schools, with the approval of the School Committee, shall be authorized to expend from the fund. Expenditures in Fiscal Year 1997 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 1996 plus monies deposited into the fund during FY 1997 and in any event shall not exceed \$100,000.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER ALL VOTES TAKEN UNDER ARTICLE 5, NOT CARRIED.

ARTICLE 7.

VOTED: That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund first established for Fiscal Year 1992, known as the Street Opening Fund as provided by M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2.

The purpose of this fund is to defray the cost of making permanent repairs to openings in Town streets by utility companies, contractors and/or the Town Water Division. Receipts

to be deposited in this fund shall be monies paid by utility companies, contractors and/or the Water Division in accordance with the requirements of the Town of Sharon Street Opening Manual. The Superintendent of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund. Expenditures in Fiscal Year 1997 shall not exceed monies deposited into the fund in Fiscal Year 1997 and in any event shall not exceed \$75,000.

ARTICLE 8.

VOTED: That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund first established for Fiscal Year 1991 known as the Recycling Fund as provided by M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2.

The purpose of this fund is to support the recycling program of the Town of Sharon and to purchase and install shade trees and shrubs to be planted in the public ways of the Town and otherwise as provided for in Section 7, Chapter 87 of the General statutes. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be monies derived from the sale of recycled materials including, but not limited to, newspaper, glass, metals and plastics, the sale of leaf bags, and disposal fees for certain special wastes generated by the citizens of Sharon including, but not limited to, batteries, tires, and used motor oil and white goods, and an amount equal to the number of tons of material recycled times the Tipping Fee at the SEMASS facility to be transferred from the Tipping Fee Escrow Fund. The Superintendent of Public Works, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall be authorized to expend from this fund. Expenditures in Fiscal Year 1997 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 1996 plus monies deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 1997, and in any event shall not exceed \$50,000.

ARTICLE 9.

VOTED: That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund to be known as the Cable TV Relicensing Fund in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2.

The purpose of this fund is to prepare for future cable relicensing. Receipts to be deposited to this fund shall be solely derived from the annual proceeds received by the Town in fiscal year 1997 from Cablevision Industries, Inc., or its successor, under Section 27 - License Fee, required by the Final License dated 10/27/83, as amended. This section requires that to the extent authorized by Chapter 166A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, and permitted by Federal Communication Commission regulations, 50 cents per subscriber be forwarded to the Town annually, and in any event, the total amount which may be expended from such fund for Fiscal Year 1997 shall not exceed \$7,000.

Any unused balance shall, subject to subsequent Town Meeting authorization, carry forward for the benefit of Sharon cable subscribers to cover any costs incurred at the time of license renewal.

The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority to expend from this fund.

ARTICLE 10.

VOTED: That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund known as the "Conservation Commission Advertising Revolving Fund" in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2.

The purpose of this fund shall be to defray the cost of advertising for hearings and meetings before the Sharon Conservation Commission. Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies paid by persons requesting hearings before the Sharon Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission shall be authorized to expend from this fund. Expenditures in fiscal year 1997 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 1996 plus monies deposited into fund during Fiscal Year 1997, and in any event shall not exceed \$2,250.

ARTICLE 11.

VOTED: That the Town reauthorize a revolving fund first established for fiscal year 1993 known as the Library Materials Replacement Fund in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2.

The purpose of this fund is to acquire equivalent Public Library materials to replace items lost by those who borrow such materials. Receipts to be deposited in this fund shall be monies paid by the borrowers of the lost materials. Such monies represent the replacement cost of the material. The Library Director, with the approval of the Library Board of Trustees, shall be authorized to expend from this fund. Expenditures in Fiscal Year 1997 shall not exceed the balance in the fund carried forward from Fiscal Year 1996 plus receipts deposited into the fund during Fiscal Year 1997 and in any case shall not exceed \$3,000.

ARTICLE 12.

VOTED:

A. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Dorchester and Surplus Revenue School Funds as follows:

Robert Uyttebroek and Chandler W. Jones

- B. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Edmund H. Talbot Fund as follows:

Robert F. Currie, Albert F. Blackler and Eleanor M. Herburger.

- C. That the Town Clerk cast one ballot for the Trustees of the Sharon Friends School Fund as follows:

Morton Kaufman, Eleanor M. Herburger, Chandler W. Jones, Robert Uyttebroek and Corrine Hershman.

ARTICLE 13.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,013,081 to be added to the special fund established to pay the Norfolk County Retirement Board for the Annual Assessment costs chargeable to the Town.

ARTICLE 14.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for the purpose of services to perform an annual audit of accounts of the Town of Sharon for the fiscal year 1996 in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 40, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE 15.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for the updating of all property assessments for Fiscal 1998 in accordance with the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 59, Section 38.

ARTICLE 16.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate \$225,000 for the original construction or reconstruction of public curbing or sidewalks, \$600,000 for the resurfacing with macadam pavement or other such road material of public ways, and \$50,000 for the preservation and restoration of publicly-owned freshwater lakes and great ponds for the Department of Public Works; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$875,000 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7.

ARTICLE 17.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$170,000 for the purpose of additional departmental equipment for the Department of Public Works; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$170,000 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 15. Votes in the negative 1. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 18.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$155,000 for asbestos removal in public buildings for the Board of Selectmen; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$155,000 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 25. Votes in the negative 5. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 19.

MOVED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$475,000 for remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to public school buildings, \$100,000 for constructing, reconstructing, or making extraordinary repairs to athletic facilities, \$152,800 for the purchase of computer software incident to the purchase, installation, and operation of computer hardware and other data processing equipment, for the development, design, purchase and installation of computer hardware, and other data processing equipment, and \$34,465 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the School Department; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$762,265 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7.

VOTED TO AMEND: By substituting the sum of \$107,735.00 in place of \$100,000.00 for constructing, reconstructing, or making extraordinary repairs to athletic facilities and, thereby, to also substitute the sum of \$770,000 for borrowing in place of \$762,265.00.

Votes in the affirmative 149. Votes in the negative 29. A standing vote.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$475,000 for remodeling, reconstructing, and making extraordinary repairs to public school buildings, \$107,735 for constructing, reconstructing, or making extraordinary repairs to athletic facilities, \$152,800 for the purchase of computer software incident to the purchase, installation, and operation of computer hardware and other data processing equipment, for the development, design, purchase and installation of computer

hardware, and other data processing equipment, and \$34,465 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the School Department; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$770,000 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 55. Votes in the negative 11. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 20.

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$12,000 for remodeling, reconstructing, or making extraordinary repairs to public buildings, \$125,000 for constructing, reconstructing, or making extraordinary repairs to recreational sites, and \$10,000 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Recreation Department; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$147,000 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7.

Votes in the affirmative in excess of 15. Votes in the negative 2. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 21.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate \$38,500 for purchase of a firefighting apparatus and \$13,000 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Fire Department; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$51,500 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7.

ARTICLE 22.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate \$25,000 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Data Processing Department; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$25,000 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7.

ARTICLE 23.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the purchase of additional departmental equipment for the Police Department; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$10,000 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7.

ARTICLE 29.

VOTED: That action under Article 29 be indefinitely postponed. (This article called for a five (5) member elected board of health.)

ARTICLE 30.

VOTED: That action under Article 30 be indefinitely postponed. (This article called for a five (5) member Board of Selectmen.) Votes in the affirmative 115. Votes in the negative 49. A standing vote.

ARTICLE 31.

VOTED: That action under Article 31 be indefinitely postponed. (This article called for the close of the annual warrant no more than sixty (60) days prior to an annual or special town meeting.)

ARTICLE 32.

VOTED: That action under Article 32 be indefinitely postponed. (This article called for rezoning a portion of Old Post Road.)

ARTICLE 33.

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Sharon as follows:

I. By adding the following new Section 6330 and following:

6330. Site Plan Approval in Business A & C Districts

Projects Requiring Low Impact Site Plan Approval

Unless a site plan has been endorsed by the Planning Board, no building permit shall be issued in the Business A or the Business C District for:

a. The construction, addition, exterior alteration, or change in use of any structure, other than a single or two family dwelling, for uses permitted by right or by special permit as identified in Section 2323, provided that the entire project including the new construction, addition, exterior alteration or change in use requires more than 20 parking spaces on one lot or in one shared parking area, or

b. The construction, addition, exterior alteration, or change in use of any structure for uses permitted by special permit as identified in Section 2326, provided that the entire project including the new construction, addition, exterior alteration, or change in use requires more than 20 parking spaces on one lot or in one shared parking area.

The Planning Board will establish a two tier review process. In the opinion of the Planning Board, projects which meet a check list of criteria adopted by the Planning Board in its rules and regulations as part of the "Design Guidelines for Town Center Business District" shall be approved within 21 days and referred to the Building Department. In the opinion of the Planning Board, projects which do not meet this check list will be reviewed and a decision filed within 45 days of the determination that further review is required. Such guidelines may be adopted and/or amended from time to time by the Planning Board and are incorporated in this bylaw by reference.

Any alterations or improvements generated in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act shall be exempt.

6331. Purpose

The purpose of this by-law, in addition to and not in limitation of the purposes set forth in Article I, is to assist owners, tenants, and designers of buildings in the Town Center in strengthening the social and economic base, to make the district an attractive place in which to live, visit, work, and shop; to preserve property values, to prevent alterations or additions that are incompatible with the town center village vision portrayed in supporting guidelines, and to enhance the provision of safe and adequate circulation, parking, utilities and drainage.

6332. Application.

Each application for Site Plan Approval shall be submitted at a meeting of the Planning Board by the current owner of record, or such persons authorized in writing to act on behalf of such owner, accompanied by ten (10) copies of the site plan and ten (10) copies of the elevation plan. For projects which the Planning Board will review within the extended 45 day time period, the Board will transmit within five (5) days, one copy each to the Building Inspector, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Board of Selectmen, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department, Sign Committee, and Historic District Commission.

6333. Required Site Plan Contents

All site plans shall be prepared by a registered architect, landscape architect, or professional engineer unless this

requirement is waived by the Planning Board because of unusually simple circumstances. All site plans shall be prepared at a scale established by the Planning Board in the above referenced guidelines and adequate to show those items enumerated in section 6322 as well as the adequacy of fire and police protection and access. Elevation plans shall be prepared showing the part or portions of the structure visible from the street that provide the lot's frontage, showing the relationship of the structure to the structures on the lots on either side. The submission of site and building elevation plans shall be subject to such further rules relating to scale, dimensions, legend, form, and preparation as may from time to time be promulgated by the Planning Board.

6334. Procedures for Site Plan Review

The Planning Board shall, within 21 days of the submission, determine if the criteria in the Design Guidelines for the Town Center Business District, have been met and that further review is not required or that extended review within an additional 45 day time period is required.

If extended review is required, the Planning Board shall refer copies of the application and plans to those agencies and boards identified in Section 6332, who shall review the application and submit their recommendations and comments to the Planning Board. Failure of the Boards to make recommendations within 21 days of the referral of the application shall be deemed to be lack of opposition.

The Planning Board, after due consideration, shall take final action, consistent with section 6336, within forty-five (45) days of its determination under the first paragraph of this Section 6334 unless the Planning Board determines an extension is necessary to provide an adequate review. Where special permits are required, the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals may start their process at the same time. The Planning Board will forward its determination to the Board of Appeals which may incorporate the Planning Board's decision into its decision.

6335. Site Plan Review Criteria

The site plan review criteria to be applied for projects located within Business A or the Business C Districts are summarized below and are portrayed in the document "Design Guidelines for the Town Center Business District".

1. Site Design and its Relation to the Neighborhood:

Buildings should be located to establish a uniform streetscape and to ensure that drives, parking areas, walks, service and septic uses have a functional, safe, and harmonious

interrelationship, are compatible with the existing site features and adjacent buildings, and establish common public areas for circulation and seating. The Plan should protect adjoining premises and on-site residential uses against any possible detrimental design or site plan features. If within the Ground Water Resource Protection District, all related information should be provided and distributed by the applicant identifying measures to minimize cumulative impacts on municipal water supplies, including consideration of nitrate-nitrogen loadings.

2. *Building and Facade Design:* Buildings should relate in scale and design features to the surrounding buildings as well as to their location at corners or along view corridors. Design which is compatible with the promotion of architecture of a traditional New England Village downtown business district should be encouraged through the use of appropriate building materials, breaks in roof and wall lines, differentiation between ground floor commercial and upper floor residential uses.

3. *Parking, loading, auto service uses:* The plan shall maximize the convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site and in relation to adjacent ways. Where appropriate, a traffic study will be undertaken to estimate average daily and peak hour vehicle trips to be generated by the site and traffic flow patterns for vehicles and pedestrians showing adequate access to and from the site, adequate circulation, and provision for off-street loading and unloading of vehicles, goods, products, materials and equipment incidental to the normal operation of the establishment or use within the site.

4. *Landscaping, buffers, fencing, paving, lighting:* The plan shall identify landscaping which is complementary to the scale and location of the building and its relationship to the street and adjacent structures. Lighting, screening, paving materials should reenforce a New England Village theme.

6336. Final Action

The Planning Board's final action shall consist of either:

- a. A determination that the proposed project is in compliance with the criteria set forth in this bylaw;
- b. A denial for submission of incomplete information or for not having met the standards established for site plan review.
- c. Approval subject to any conditions, modifications, and restrictions as the Planning Board may deem necessary, consistent with the provisions of this bylaw.

6337. Enforcement and Implementation

- a. Any site plan approval issued under this section shall lapse within one (1) year if a substantial construction thereof has not commenced sooner, except upon application within one year and for good cause shown, such time period may be extended by the Planning Board for one year.
- b. The Planning Board may periodically adopt or amend rules and regulations relating to the procedures and administration of this section including Design Guidelines for the Town Center Business District.

II. By substituting language in *italics* for wording in parentheses in the following sections:

2211. Authorization. [No building or structure or part thereof shall be erected, altered or extended and no premises shall be used except as provided in Section 2300, District Use Regulations, or as permitted by Section 6400 or exempted by Stature. Uses not listed are prohibited.]

No premises shall be used except as provided in Section 2300, District Use Regulations, and no building or structure or part thereof shall be erected, altered or extended and unless site plan approval, therefore, has been granted pursuant to Section 6330, or as permitted by Section 6400.

III. By adding the following new section 2213:

2213. Site Plan Approval in Business A and C Districts. *New construction, addition, exterior alterations or changes of use in Business A and C Districts require Site Plan Approval by the Planning Board as provided in Section 6330.*

IV. By deleting the following in Section 2463:

2463. Maximum Lot Coverage:

In Business A and C and Professional Districts: No requirement.

and substituting therefor the following:

2463. Maximum Lot and Open Space Coverage:

Maximum lot coverage:

In Business A and C	As determined by Planning Board during site plan approval
and Professional Districts:	No requirement.
In Business B:	Solely for residence: 40%
Other uses:	20%

Minimum Landscaped Open Space coverage:

In Business A and C Districts: 30%

The total landscaped area including landscaping, screening, pedestrian ways and areas, and bike pathways, may be reduced during site plan review to not less than fifteen (15) percent of the total lot area provided in landscaping, screening, and pedestrian and bike amenities. In approving any reduction, the Planning Board shall determine that the proposed amenities or facilities provide for the public benefit or convenience. The following are typical improvements which shall be deemed as public benefits or convenience in the business A and Business C Districts:

1. **Street Plantings:** Plantings are required along the entire street frontage for non-residential uses, except at drives, and except where neither a street setback nor a buffer zone is required. The required plantings should generally be located between the street and the build to-line.
2. **Curb cuts:** Consolidation of curb cuts, either on a single lot or between abutting lots resulting in better traffic circulation and improved traffic safety.
3. **Parking area plantings:** Vegetation meeting the parking lot standards should be undertaken. Trees and soil plots shall be so located as to provide visual relief and wind interruption within the parking area, and to assure safe patterns for internal circulation.
4. **Screening:** Dumpsters, refuse areas, and loading bays should be screened from the street and the adjacent businesses. Plantings should be supplemented by an opaque fence or wall at least six feet tall.
5. **Septic System:** The installation of an enhanced treatment capability or the provision by the petitioner of easements and agreements required in order to establish a shared septic system with enhanced treatment capability.
6. **Building and Facade design:** The building should be compatible with the promotion of architecture as described in the Design Guidelines for the Town Center Business District.

V. By deleting in Section:

2464. Building Location:

(A) Street Setback:

the following:

[Any purpose in Business A and C and Professional District and non-residential purpose in Business B: Minimum ten (10) feet from street sideline.]

and substituting therefor the following:

Within the Business A and C Districts, a streetwall is defined through the setbacks of structure formed by the build-to line. No building should provide a front setback larger than the average of the front setbacks on lots abutting on either side, with a vacant lot (or a lot having no building within three hundred feet from the building in question), or an intersecting street being counted as though occupied by a building providing that required setback.

This required setback may only be used for landscaping, public seating, circulation, signage, and drives. The Board of Appeals can, subject to special permit, waive the requirement for a build-to line if this is necessary to provide public areas for pedestrian circulation and seating, and to ensure that criteria for site design as identified in the "Design Guidelines for the Town Center Business District" are achieved.

Any purpose in Business B: ten (10) feet from street sideline.

VI. By deleting in Section:

3100. Off -Street Parking and Loading

the following words in parenthesis:

3112. Location of Parking. All parking, including access thereto, which is accessory to uses within the Business A and C Districts shall be provided within the same district. [All required parking shall be provided on the same lot or lots as the principal use or uses to which it is accessory, except that off-street parking whose pedestrian entrance is within a two hundred (200) foot walk of the entrance to the business lot or lots it serves may be counted towards the minimum parking requirements in the following manner:]

and inserting in place thereof the following:

All required parking shall be provided on the same lot or lots as the principal use or uses to which it is accessory, except that off-street parking on another lot within a four- hundred (400) foot radius of the pedestrian entrance of a building may be counted towards the minimum parking requirements in the following manner:

VII. By deleting existing Section 3112(a) and substituting therefor the following:

(A) if the parking lot is privately owned, the parking spaces shall be credited to the owner, or to the several users thereof as formally agreed between them and the owner, and recorded on the deed to the parking lot, but no such parking lot shall be otherwise used or diminished in size except insofar as the Board of Appeals finds that the lot is no longer required by the users thereof;

VIII. By amending Section 3112(b) by:

Adding language in italics and, where noted, substituting for wording in parentheses as follows::

(B) if the parking lot is publicly owned, each lot having business district frontage [within a two hundred foot walk of any pedestrian entrance to the parking lot] *within a four (400) hundred foot radius of any pedestrian entrance to the parking lot,* shall be, *subject to Board of Appeal approval,* credited with a proportion of the public parking spaces corresponding to the proportion of the private lot's business district frontage bears to the total business district frontage of all lots so situated which do not already meet the requirements for off-street parking. *In requesting credit for accessory parking in a public lot, the petitioner shall submit sufficient evidence of the adequacy of the public lot to accommodate the proposed parking.*

IX. By amending Section:

3117. Required Landscaping: by

Substituting language in italics for wording in parentheses as follows:

(A) No parking or loading shall be permitted [within ten (10) feet of the side line of any street or way] *in the area between the front of the structure and the side lines of any way except by vote of the Planning Board or the Board of Appeals as the case may require during the site plan review process.*

X. By amending Section 3117(c) by adding the following words in italics:

(c) The total landscaped area maintained in lawns or ornamental plantings shall equal not less than thirty (30) percent of the total lot area *unless reduced by the Planning Board or Board of Appeals during site plan approval.* All areas not built over, paved or landscaped shall be maintained in natural vegetation. Where usable open space is required, it shall count in its entirety as part of the total landscaped area, even if partially paved for recreational uses as permitted by Subparagraph 4221 (c).

XI. By amending Sections 6321(a) and (c) by deleting the same and substituting the following:

6321. Applicability. Site Plan Approval under the requirements of this subsection is required in the following cases:

(a) In Business B and Light Industrial Districts, where the total area of the plan proposed exceeds ten (10) acres.

(c) In Business A, where there are more than twenty (20) parking spaces on one lot or in one shared parking area, *the Board of Appeals will utilize the criteria established in section 6335 for site plan review in lieu of those identified for residential areas in section 6324.*

XII. By deleting existing Section 6324, and substituting the following:

6324. Criteria.

(a) Protection of adjoining premises and on-site residential uses against any possible detrimental or offensive uses on the site, including unsightly or obnoxious appearance;

(b) convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site, and in relation to adjacent street, property or improvements;

(c) Adequacy of the methods of disposal for sewage, refuse or other wastes resulting from the uses permitted or permissible on the site, the methods of drainage for surface water, and of provisions for the removal of snow from circulation and parking areas;

(d) Adequacy of parking spaces for the off-street loading and unloading of vehicles, goods, products, materials and equipment incidental to the normal operation of the establishment or use;

(e) Adequacy of fire and police protection and access;

(f) If within the Surface Water Resource Protection district, measures to minimize cumulative impacts on Lake Massapoag and its tributary streams, including consideration of nitrate-nitrogen loadings. All related information to be provided and distributed by the applicant.

(g) If within the Ground Water Resource Protection District, measures to minimize cumulative impacts on municipal water supplies, including consideration of nitrate-nitrogen loadings. All related information to be provided and distributed by the applicant.

XIII. By adding the following new Section 6335:

6335. Site Plan Review Criteria

The site plan review criteria to be applied for projects located within Business A and C Districts are summarized below and are portrayed in the document "Design Guidelines for the Town Center Business District".

1. Site Design and its Relation to the Neighborhood: Buildings should be located to establish a uniform streetscape and to ensure that drives, parking areas, walks, service and septic uses have a functional, safe, and harmonious interrelationship, are compatible with the existing site features and adjacent buildings, and establish common public areas for circulation and seating. The Plan should protect adjoining premises and on-site residential uses against any possible detrimental design or site plan features.

2. Building and Facade Design: Buildings should relate in scale and design features to the surrounding buildings as well as to their location at corners or along view corridors. Design which is compatible with the promotion of architecture of a traditional New England Village downtown business district should be encouraged through the use of appropriate building materials, breaks in roof and wall lines, differentiation between ground floor commercial and upper floor residential uses.

3. Parking, loading, auto service uses: The plan shall maximize the convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site and in relation to adjacent ways. Where appropriate, a traffic study will be undertaken to estimate average daily and peak hour vehicle trips to be generated by the site and traffic flow patterns for vehicles and pedestrians showing adequate access to and from the site, adequate circulation, and provision for off-street loading and unloading of vehicles, goods, products, materials and equipment incidental

4. Landscaping, buffers, fencing, paving, lighting: The plan shall identify landscaping which is complementary to the scale and location of the building and its relationship to the street and adjacent structures. Lighting, screening, paving materials should reenforce a New England Village theme.

Boston, Massachusetts September 6, 1996
The within amendment to the zoning by-laws adopted under article
33 of the warrant for the Sharon Annual Town Meeting that
convened May 13, 1996,is hereby approved.
SCOTT HARSHBARGER
ATTORNEY GENERAL
By: Anthony E. Penski
Assistant Attorney General

VOTED: To adopt the following General By-Law Groundwater Protection Regulation, as Article 33 of the General By-Law of the Town of Sharon, or act in any way relating thereto:

Whereas:

- siting of land uses that have the potential to release hazardous waste, petroleum products or other contaminants significantly increases the risk of contamination; and
- poor management practices, accidental discharges, and improper maintenance of these facilities may lead to the release of pollutants; and
- discharges of hazardous wastes, leachate, pathogens, and other pollutants have repeatedly threatened surface and ground water quality throughout Massachusetts; and
- surface and ground water resources in the Town of Sharon contribute to the towns' drinking water supplies

therefore, the Town of Sharon adopts the following regulation, under its authority as specified in Section II, as preventative measure for the purpose of:

- preserving and protecting the Town's drinking water resources from discharges of pollutants; and
- minimizing the risk of public health and the environment to the Town due to such discharge

Section II. SCOPE OF AUTHORITY

The Town of Sharon adopts the following regulation pursuant to authorization granted by M.G.L. Ch. 40. The regulation shall apply, as specified herein, to all applicable facilities within the Zone II's and/or the Interim Wellhead Protection Areas (IWPA) whichever is the accepted area of protection around the drinking water resources of the town. This regulation is in addition to the provisions of Section 4500 (Water Resource Protection District) of the Town of Sharon Zoning By-Laws, Article 12A of the General By-Laws (stripping or removal of earth materials) and any other By-Law, Regulation, Rule, or ordinance of the Town of Sharon or its Boards or Commissions.

Section III. DEFINITIONS

Commercial fertilizers: Any substance containing one or more recognized plant nutrients which is used for plant nutrient content and which is designed for use, or claimed by its manufacturer to have value in promoting plant growth. Commercial fertilizers do not include unmanipulated animal and vegetable manures, marl, lime, limestone, wood ashes, and gypsum.

Department: The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Discharge: The accidental or intentional disposal, deposit, injection, dumping, spilling, leaking, incineration, or placing of toxic or hazardous material or waste upon or into any land or water so that such hazardous waste or any constituent thereof may enter the land or waters of the Commonwealth. Discharge includes, without limitation, leakage of such materials from failed or discarded containers or storage systems and disposal of such materials into any on-site leaching structure or sewage disposal system

Hazardous Material: A product, waste or combination of substances which because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, toxic, radioactive, or infectious characteristics may reasonably pose a significant, actual, or potential hazard to human health, safety, welfare, or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, used, disposed of, or otherwise managed. Hazardous materials include, without limitation, synthetic organic chemicals, petroleum products, heavy metals, radioactive or infectious materials, and all substances defined as "toxic" or "hazardous" under Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.) Chapter 21C and 21E using the Massachusetts Oil and Hazardous Substances List (310 CMR 40.0000). The definition may also include acids and alkalis, solvents, thinners, and pesticides.

Historical High Groundwater Table Elevation: A groundwater elevation which is determined from monitoring wells and historical water table fluctuation data compiled by the United States Geological Survey.

Interim Wellhead Protection Areas (IWPA): For public supply wells or wellfields that lack a Department approved Zone II, the Department will apply an interim wellhead protection area. This interim wellhead protection area shall be a one-half mile radius measured from the well or wellfield for sources whose approved pumping rate is 100.00 gpd or greater. For wells that pump less than 100.000 gpd, the IWPA radius is proportional to the well's approved daily volume following the IWPA Chart as referenced in Division Water Supply Policy 92-01.

Landfill: A facility established (in accordance with a valid site assignment) for the purposes of disposing solid waste into or on the land, pursuant to 310 CMR 19.006.

Non-sanitary wastewater: Wastewater discharges from industrial and commercial facilities containing wastes from any activity other than collection of sanitary sewage, including, but not limited to activities specified in the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes set forth in 310 CMR 15.004 (6).

Open Dump: A facility which is operated or maintained in violation of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 4004 (a)(b), or the regulations and criteria for solid waste disposal.

Septage: The liquid, solid, and semi-solid contents of privies, chemical toilets, cesspools, holding tanks, or other sewage waste receptacles. Septage does not include any material which is a hazardous waste, pursuant to 310 CMR 30.000.

Sludge: The solid, semi-solid, and liquid residue that results from a process of wastewater treatment or drinking water treatment. Sludge does not include grit, screening or grease and oil which are removed at the headworks of a facility.

Treatment Works: Any and all devices, processes and properties, real or personal, used in the collection, pumping, transmission, storage, treatment, disposal, recycling, reclamation or reuse of waterborne pollutants, but not including any works, receiving a hazardous waste from off the site of the works for the purposed of treatment, storage or disposal.

Use of Toxic or Hazardous Material: The handling, generation, treatment, storage, or management of toxic or hazardous materials.

Very Small Quantity Generator: Any public or private entity, other than residential, which produces less than 27 gallons (100 kilograms) a month of hazardous waste or waste oil, but not including any acutely hazardous waste as defined in 310 CMR 30.136.

Waste Oil Retention Facility: A waste oil collection facility for automobile service stations, retail outlets, and marinas which is sheltered and has adequate protection to contain a spill, seepage, or discharge, of petroleum waste products in accordance with M.G.L. c. 21. s. 52A.

Section IV. PROHIBITIONS

A. Notwithstanding any land uses which are otherwise permitted by local, state and/or other federal laws, the siting of any of the following is prohibited in the Zone II or IWPA:

1. landfills.
2. open dumps.
3. sludge and septage monofils, and
4. stockpiles (disposal) of chemically treated snow and ice that have been removed from highways and roadways outside the Zone II.

B. Facilities for the treatment or disposal of non-sanitary wastewater are prohibited, with the following exceptions:

1. Replacement or repair of an existing system is exempt if the existing design capacity is not exceeded.
2. Treatment works approved and in compliance with M.G.L. c.21E and 310 CMR 40.000 designed for the treatment of contaminated ground or surface waters.

C. Facilities that generate, treat, store or dispose of hazardous waste are prohibited, with the following exceptions:

1. very small quantity generators.
2. household hazardous waste collection centers or collection events.
3. waste oil retention facilities, and
4. treatment works for the restoration of contaminated ground or surface waters in compliance with M.G.L. c. 21E and 310 CMR 40.000.

D. Removal of soil, loam, sand, gravel, or any other mineral substances within four feet of the historical high groundwater table elevation is prohibited with the following exceptions:

1. substances which are removed and redeposited within 45 days of removal on site to achieve a final grade greater than four feet above the historical high water mark; and
2. excavations for the construction of building foundations or the installation of utilities.

E. Land uses that result in impervious cover of more than 15% or 2500 feet of any lot, whichever is greater, are prohibited, unless a system of artificial recharge or precipitation is provided that will not result in the degradation of groundwater quality.

Section V. CONDITIONAL PROHIBITIONS

The storage of certain waste materials, chemicals, and petroleum products is prohibited except if contained in accordance with the following requirements.

1. Storage of sludge and septage is prohibited unless storage is in compliance with 310 CMR 32.00.
2. Storage of roadway de-icing chemicals, (sodium chloride, chemically treated abrasives, or other chemicals) and the storage of chemical fertilizers are both prohibited, unless the storage is in a structure that prevents the generation and release of contaminants or contaminated runoff.
3. Storage of animal manure is prohibited unless covered or contained in accordance with the standards and guidelines of the US Soil Conservation Service.
4. Storage of liquid hazardous materials is prohibited unless the materials are either in a free standing container within a building, outdoors, or in a free standing covered container above ground level with spill containment capacity of 100% of the volume.

5. Storage of any type of liquid petroleum products is prohibited, unless any of the following applies:
 - a. the products are incidental to normal household use, including outdoor maintenance, or for the heating of a structure;
 - b. waste oil retention facilities;
 - c. emergency generators; and
 - d. treatment works in compliance with M.G.L. c 21E and 310 CMR 40.000 designed for the restoration of contaminated ground or surface waters.

Storage of the exempted liquid petroleum products (5.a through 5.d) must be either in a free standing container within a building, outdoors, or in a free standing covered container above ground level with spill containment capacity of 100% of the volume stored.

6. Compliance with all provisions of this regulation must be accomplished in a manner consistent with Massachusetts Plumbing , Building, and Fire Code requirements.

Section VI. EFFECTIVE DATES FOR ALL FACILITIES

The effective date of this regulation is the date of adoption of the regulation.

1. As of the effective date of the regulation, all new construction and/or applicable change of use within the Town of Sharon shall comply with the provisions of this regulation.
2. Certification of conformance with the provisions of this regulation by the Town Engineer acting as Agent for the Board of Selectmen shall be required prior to issuance of construction and occupancy permits.

Section VII. PENALTIES

Failure to comply with provisions of this regulation will result in the levy of fines of not less than \$200.00, but no more than \$1000.00. Each day's failure to comply with the provisions of this regulation shall constitute a separate violation.

Section VIII. SEVERABILITY

Each provision of this regulation shall be construed as separate to the end that, if any provision, or sentence, clause or phrase thereof, shall be held invalid for any reason, the remainder of that section and all other sections shall continue in full force and effect.

Boston, Massachusetts

September 6, 1996

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SCOTT HARSHBARGER

ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: Anthony E. Penski

Assistant Attorney General

ARTICLE 35.

VOTED: That the Town accept Section 4, Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, which authorizes additional real estate exemptions to be granted to persons who qualify for property tax exemptions under Clauses 17, 17C, 17C $\frac{1}{2}$, 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 37A, 41, 41B, and 41C of Section 5 of Chapter 59 in an amount equal to 100% to be effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1996 and ending June 30, 1997.

ARTICLE 36.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Conservation Commission Land Acquisition Account so that the Commission may acquire in the name of the Town the fee and/or a Conservation Restriction on the following parcels of land:

That property identified as 169R Mansfield Street and South Walpole Street consisting of 15.9 acres (169R Mansfield Street) and .23 acres (South Walpole Street) and further described as follows:

Parcel One: A parcel of land in Sharon, Norfolk County, 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres 10 rods as formerly shown on a plan Book 73-P-21 on file in Assessor's Office, Sharon, Massachusetts, now shown as Parcel 2 on Map 14.

Parcel Two: A parcel of land in Sharon, Norfolk County, consisting of approximately twenty-three hundredths (0.23) acres lying between Interstate 95 and Upper Pond and now shown as Parcel 19 on Town of Sharon Tax Map No. 57.

or as the same may be more particularly described, and to authorize the Conservation Commission and/or the Board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements and execute such documents as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing.

VOTED TO RECONSIDER VOTE TO ADJOURN AT 11:00 P.M. OR AT CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION ON ARTICLE UNDER CONSIDERATION AT THAT TIME.

ARTICLE 37.

VOTED: That the Town amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Sharon by adopting the following Demolition of Historically Significant Buildings By-Law as Article 34 of said General By-Laws of the Town of Sharon.

Intent and Purpose

This by-law is enacted for the purpose of preserving and protecting significant buildings within the Town which are outside Local Historic Districts and to encourage owners of such buildings to seek out persons who might be willing to purchase, preserve, rehabilitate, or restore such buildings rather than demolish them. To achieve these purposes the Sharon Historical Commission (the "Commission") is empowered to advise the Building Inspector with respect to the issuance of permits for demolition of significant buildings. The issuance of demolition permits for significant buildings is regulated as provided in this by-law.

Definitions

1. "Building" - any combination of materials forming a shelter for persons, animals, or property.
2. "Demolition" - any act of pulling down, destroying, removing, or razing a building or any portion thereof, or commencing the work of total or substantial destruction with the intent of completing the same.
3. "Significant building" - any building or portion thereof which:
 - a. in whole or in part was built fifty (50) or more years prior to the date of the application for the demolition permit or is of unknown age; or
 - b. is listed on, or is within an area listed on, the National Register of Historic Places, or is the subject of a pending application for listing on said National Register; or
 - c. is included in the Cultural Resources Inventory prepared by the Commission including those buildings listed for which complete surveys may be pending; or
 - d. has been determined by vote of the Commission to be historically or architecturally significant in terms of period, style, method of building construction, or association with a famous architect or builder provided that the owner of such a building and the Building

Inspector have been notified, in hand or by certified mail, within ten (10) days of such vote.

4. "Commission" - the Sharon Historical Commission.

Procedure

1. Upon receipt of an application for a demolition permit for a significant building, the Building Inspector shall forward a copy thereof to the Commission. No demolition permit shall be issued at that time.
2. Within 14 days, the Commission shall make an Initial Determination as to the historic significance of the building. The Initial Determination shall be positive if the structure is historically inventoried or to be inventoried by the Historical Commission. Otherwise the Determination is negative.
3. If the Initial Determination is negative, the Building Inspector may issue the permit. If the determination is positive, the Commission shall fix a reasonable time for a public hearing on the application and shall give public notice thereof by publishing notice of the time, place, and purpose of the hearing in a local newspaper at least fourteen days before said hearing and also within seven days of said hearing, mail a copy of said notice to the applicant, to the owners of all property deemed by the Commission to be affected thereby as they appear on the most recent local tax list, and to such other persons as the Commission shall deem entitled to notice.
4. If, after such hearing, the Commission determines that the demolition of the significant building would not be detrimental to the historical or architectural heritage or resources of the Town, the Commission shall so notify the Building Inspector within ten (10) days of such determination. Upon receipt of such notification, or after the expiration of fifteen days (15) from the date of the conduct of the hearing if he/she has not received notification from the Commission, the Building Inspector may, subject to the requirements of the State Building Code and any other applicable laws, by-laws, rules, and regulations, issue the demolition permit.
5. If the Commission determines that the demolition of the significant building would be detrimental to the historical or architectural heritage or resources of the Town, such building shall be considered a preferably-preserved significant building. The Commission shall notify Massachusetts Historic Commission and other interested parties requesting assistance in preservation funding and adaptive reuses.

6. Upon a determination by the Commission that the significant building which is the subject of the application for a demolition permit is a preferably-preserved significant building, the Commission shall so advise the applicant and the Building Inspector, and no demolition permit may be issued until at least six months after the date of such determination by the Commission.
7. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Building Inspector may issue a demolition permit for a preferably-preserved significant building at any time after receipt of written advice from the Commission to the effect that either:
 - (i) the Commission is satisfied that there is no reasonable likelihood that either the owner or some other person or group is willing to purchase, preserve, rehabilitate, or restore such building, or
 - (ii) the Commission is satisfied that for at least six months the owner has made continuing, bona fide and reasonable efforts to locate a purchaser to preserve, rehabilitate, and restore the subject building, and that such efforts have been unsuccessful.

Enforcement and Remedies

1. The Commission and the Building Inspector are each authorized to institute any and all proceedings in law or equity as they deem necessary and appropriate to obtain compliance with the requirements of this by-law, or to prevent violation thereof.
2. No building permit shall be issued with respect to any premises upon which a significant building has been voluntarily demolished in violation of this by-law for a period of six months after the date of the completion of such demolition. As used herein "premises" includes the parcel of land upon which the demolished significant building was located.

Severability

If any section, paragraph, or part of this by-law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court, every other section, paragraph, and part shall continue in full force and effect.

Boston, Massachusetts

September 6, 1996

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SCOTT HARSHBARGER

ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: Anthony E. Penski

Assistant Attorney General

ARTICLE 38.

VOTED: That the Town revise Article 17, S 8, "Regulation of Dogs" of the General By-Laws as follows:

by replacing the existing section with the following:

SECTION 8: Violation of this by-law other than is provided in Section 6 shall be punished by a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for a first offense, and fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a second or subsequent offense.

Boston, Massachusetts

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SCOTT HARSHBARGER

ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: Anthony E. Penski

Assistant Attorney General

ARTICLE 39.

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to foster regional approaches to solving governmental problems and to delivering services more effectively and efficiently by entering into an inter-municipal agreement with other cities and towns lying within Bristol, Norfolk, and Plymouth Counties to formally create and implement the Southeastern Regional Services Group, such Agreement to be in conformance with and subject to the provisions of Chapter 40, S4A of the Massachusetts General Laws and to contain such other terms and conditions as are mutually acceptable to the Chief Executive Officers of the SERSG member communities.

VOTED THAT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MAY 14, 1996 BE DISSOLVED AT 11:10 P.M.

Attendance: 244

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY S. DAVENPORT

SHARON TOWN CLERK

FY96 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 13, 1996

ARTICLE 1			
APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	TAX LEVY	TOTAL
Cobb Corner Easement	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00

FY97 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECAP SHEET
MAY 13, 1996

ACCOUNT NUMBER	APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	TAX LEVY	OVERLAY RESERVE	OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS		
					AMBULANCE RESERVE	FREE CASH	BORROWING AUTHORIZED
01-114	MODERATOR	50.00	50.00				
01-122	SELECTMEN	165,196.00	165,196.00				
01-131	FINANCE COMMITTEE	4,516.00	4,516.00				
01-132	RESERVE FUND	350,000.00	137,927.29	212,072.71			
01-135	ACCOUNTANT	130,400.00	130,400.00				
01-141	ASSESSORS	151,793.00	151,793.00				
01-145	TREASURER/COLLECTOR	218,856.00	218,856.00				
01-151	LAW	69,000.00	69,000.00				
01-152	PERSONNEL BOARD	3,203.00	3,203.00				
01-155	DATA PROCESSING	99,925.00	99,925.00				
01-161	TOWN CLERK	81,100.00	81,100.00				
01-162	ELECTIONS & REGIS.	59,660.00	59,660.00				
01-171	CONSERVATION COMM.	28,538.00	28,538.00				
01-172	LAKE MGMT. COMM.	1,000.00	1,000.00				
01-175	PLANNING BOARD	12,986.00	12,986.00				
01-176	BOARD OF APPEALS	6,000.00	6,000.00				
01-180	DEVEL/IND. COMM.	1.00	1.00				
01-186	AFFIRM. ACTION	0	0				
01-195	TOWN REPORT	8,200.00	8,200.00				
01-199	SIGN COMM.	50.00	50.00				
01-210	POLICE	1,664,798.00	1,664,798.00				
01-220	FIRE	937,019.00	937,019.00				
01-231	AMBULANCE	89,220.00	45,045.00				
01-244	SEALER WTS. & MEAS.	1,530.00	1,530.00				
01-249	ANIMAL INSPECTOR	1,000.00	1,000.00				
01-291	CIVIL DEFENSE	7,500.00	7,500.00				
01-292	ANIMAL CONTROL	36,671.00	36,671.00				
01-300	EDUCATION						
						44,175.00	

5320	SOUTHEAST. REG.	114,250.00	114,250.00	
	VOC. SCHOOL			
5321	VOC. TUITION	8,200.00	8,200.00	
01-310	EDUCATION	15,781,815.00	14,107,562.00	
01-401	D.P.W.	1,460,219.00	1,460,219.00	1,674,253.00
01-490	STREET LIGHTING	269,430.00	269,430.00	
01-510	HEALTH	138,675.00	138,675.00	
01-541	C.O.A.	76,918.00	76,918.00	
01-543	VETERANS	13,154.00	13,154.00	
01-544	VETS. GRAVES	1,600.00	1,600.00	
01-545	COMM. ON DISAB.	500.00	500.00	
01-547	HOUSING PARTNERSHIP	200.00	200.00	
01-610	LIBRARY	465,254.00	465,254.00	
01-630	RECREATION	251,659.00	251,659.00	
01-691	HISTORICAL COMM.	400.00	400.00	
01-692	COMM. CELEB.	1,300.00	1,300.00	
01-710	MATURING DEBT	2,288,000.00	2,288,000.00	
01-715	INTEREST	912,224.00	912,224.00	
01-914	MEDICARE	150,000.00	150,000.00	
01-915	SOCIAL SECURITY	70,000.00	70,000.00	
01-920	INSURANCE	2,006,133.00	2,006,133.00	
28-450	WATER DIV.	1,322,387.00	1,322,387.00	
ARTICLE #5 TOTALS		29,460,530.00	27,529,929.29	44,175.00 1,674,253.00

ART. #13	NORFOLK CTY. RET. BD.	1,013,081.00	1,013,081.00	
ART. #14	ANNUAL AUDIT	28,000.00	28,000.00	
ART. #15	PROP. ASSES. FY97	28,000.00	28,000.00	
ART. #16	DPW FY97 RD. PROJ.	875,000.00		875,000.00
ART. #17	DPW FY97 EQUIP. PROJ.	170,000.00		170,000.00
ART. #18	ASBESTOS REMV. FY97	155,000.00		155,000.00

ART. #19	SCHOOL PROJ. FY97	770,000.00			770,000.00
ART. #20	REC. PROJ. FY97	147,000.00			147,000.00
ART. #21	FIRE EQUIP. FY97	51,500.00			51,500.00
ART. #22	DATA PROCESSING FY97	25,000.00			25,000.00
ART. #23	POLICE EQUIP. FY97	10,000.00			10,000.00
ART. #24	HIGH SCH ADD BLDG FY97	6,628,585.00			6,628,585.00
ART. #36	CONS. LAND RESTRICTION	25,000.00	25,000.00		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDING BORROWING		39,386,696.00	28,624,110.29	212,072.71	44,175.00
MINUS BORROWING		-8,832,085.00			1,674,253.00
TOTAL NET RAISED/APPR.		30,554,611.00			8,832,085.00

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JUNE 24, 1996

Pursuant to the provisions of the warrant of June 6, 1996, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in town affairs met at the Arthur E. Collins Auditorium at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting was call to order by Moderator George E. Donovan. Town Clerk, Shirley S. Davenport, read the call and return of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$122,500 and authorize the Board of Selectmen, acting as the Board of Water Commissioners, to purchase in the name of the Town, that property shown as Lot 10 on a Plan entitled "Quail Ridge, a Cluster Subdivision in Sharon, Massachusetts" by Norwood Engineering, Inc., dated July 1, 1987, revised November 16, 1987 and recorded with the Norfolk Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 1549 of 1987 in Plan Book 363 containing 66,296 square feet, more or less or as the same may be more particularly described; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$110,000 under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, S7 and/or S8 to expend the balance of \$12,500 from the FY'96 Water Department Operating budget for this purpose; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into such agreements and execute such documents as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing. This property is to be acquired for water supply protection pursuant to an aquifer land acquisition grant agreement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Environmental Protection.

At this point Moderator George Donovan stepped down and Joel Goober, 80 Upland Road served as Moderator for Article 2.

ARTICLE 2.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c 82, S21 or such other applicable statutes or by-law, discontinue a way which is a paper street, so called, and identified as Massapoag Avenue as the same appears on a Plan of Land in Sharon, Massachusetts (scale - 1" equals 40'), - dated December 27, 1993, Ross Engineering Company, Inc. and/or on a Plan of Land in Sharon, MA, Charles D. Capen, Surveyor, 1896. Said Massapoag Avenue runs from Cottage Street to land of the Town of Sharon and is adjacent to the Roman Catholic Church.

ARTICLE 3.

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen acting as Road Commissioners to grant an easement for a sewage leaching facility to Theofilios Papadopoulos or his nominee. Such easement shall be located adjacent to property owned or leased by Mr. Papadopoulos as he is Trustee of the Pond Street Realty of Sharon under Declaration of Trust dated April 18, 1989, and recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 8291, Page 128 and said easement to be located within the public roadway adjacent to 1-5 Pond Street, Sharon, Massachusetts and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into such agreements and execute such documents as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing.

ARTICLE 4.

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Conservation Commission to transfer from the "Reserve for Appropriation for Wetlands Protection Fund" account to the Wetlands Protection Funds, the sum of \$1,347.50 collected pursuant to Chapter 287, Section 54, of the Acts of 1989 (M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40), which provides that the Town's share of the Notice of Intent Filing Fees under the Wetlands Protection Act shall be expended solely for the performance of its duties associated with administering the Act.

VOTED THAT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING BE DISSOLVED AT 8:30 P.M.

Attendance: 212

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY S. DAVENPORT
SHARON TOWN CLERK

FY96 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

6/24/96

<u>Appropriation Account</u>	<u>Total Appropriation</u>	<u>Water Budget</u>	<u>Reserved Wetlands Protection Appropriation</u>	<u>Borrowing</u>
Article I				
Water Supply Protection Land Purchase	122,500.00	12,500.00		110,000.00
Article 4				
Wetlands Protection Fund	1,347.50		1,347.50	
Total	123,847.50	12,500.00	1,347.50	110,000.00

SEPTEMBER STATE PRIMARY

SEPTEMBER 17, 1996

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of July 25, 1996, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon qualified to vote in elections, met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, September 17, 1996. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Shirley S. Davenport who read the call and return of the warrant. The warden for the election was Beth A. Kourafas. The wardens for Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were named as follows: Edna Walden, Barbara Testa, Lillian Crosman, Elizabeth Farrar, and Doris Annis. Clerks and workers were: Doris Queeley, Barbara Katz, Eleanor Herburger, Mollie Sonion, Pat Spaulding, Alice Stern, Betty Farquhar, Diane Donovan, Linda Lyons, Josephine Cabral, Helen Bouffard, Gertrude Leonard, Shirley Schofield, Gail Snyderman, Karen Goober, Irene Scott, Mildred Worthley, Frances Darrow, Eleanor Schwartz, Marilyn Kahn, Herbert Pozner, Barbara Ripley, David Savage, Jim Testa, Doris Gladstone, Joseph Petrosky, Morton Kaufman, Bernard Rosenberg, Barry Zlotin. The ballot boxes were shown to be empty and registered zero; the ballot boxes were locked and the keys delivered to Officer of the Day, Linda Ferris. All election officers and workers were sworn.

At 8:00 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Total votes were as follows:

Precinct	Democrats	Republicans	Libertarians	Total
1	88	23	0	111
2	56	15	0	71
3	80	22	0	102
4	77	24	1	102
5	63	24	0	87
Total	364	108	1	473

The ballots were canvassed according to the law by an OPTECH III-P Eagle Precinct Ballot Tabulator. Results were transcribed on summary sheets and declaration was made by Town Clerk Shirley S. Davenport at 8:30 P.M. as follows:

DEMOCRATIC						
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
SENATOR IN CONGRESS						
John F. Kerry	74	46	72	65	56	313
Blanks	14	10	8	12	7	51
364						
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS						
Barney Frank	73	51	75	66	55	320
Blanks	15	5	5	11	8	44
364						
COUNCILLOR						
Kelly A. Timilty	69	34	51	50	53	257
Blanks	19	22	29	27	10	107
364						

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT							
William R. Keating	80	52	75	69	58	334	
Blanks	8	4	5	8	5	30	364
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT							
Louis L. Kafka	78	51	74	66	59	328	
Blanks	10	5	6	11	4	36	364
REGISTER OF PROBATE							
Thomas Patrick Hughes	62	32	52	47	53	246	
Blanks	26	24	28	30	10	118	364
COUNTY TREASURER							
Timothy P. Cahill	11	9	8	16	6	50	
Gary D. Jones	19	10	10	13	10	62	
Michael J. Joyce	16	10	7	8	13	54	
John D. Vozzella	31	16	31	24	28	130	
Blanks	11	11	24	16	6	68	364
COUNTY COMMISSIONER							
John Gillis	39	19	35	36	33	162	
William P. O'Donnell	57	25	37	38	43	200	
Blanks	80	68	88	80	50	366	728
REPUBLICAN							
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	
SENATOR IN CONGRESS							
William F. Weld	20	14	17	23	19	93	
Blanks	3	1	5	1	5	15	108
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS							
Guy A. Carbone	8	1	8	10	9	36	
Jonathan P. Raymond	12	10	10	11	13	56	
Blanks	3	4	4	3	2	16	108
COUNCILLOR							
Blanks	23	15	22	24	24	108	108
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT							
Blanks	23	15	22	24	24	108	108
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT							
James J. Skelly	15	12	12	18	16	73	
Blanks	8	3	10	6	8	35	108
REGISTER OF PROBATE							
R. Janice Connolly	0	0	1	4	3	8	
Blanks	23	15	21	20	21	100	108
COUNTY TREASURER							
Robert D. Hall, Jr.	16	11	12	19	18	76	
Blanks	7	4	10	5	6	32	108

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	1	0	2	4	3	10	
Paul D. McDonough							
Blanks	45	30	42	44	45	206	216

LIBERTARIAN

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	
SENATOR IN CONGRESS							
George Phillies	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Blanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS							
Blanks	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
COUNCILLOR							
Blanks	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT							
Blanks	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT							
Blanks	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
REGISTER OF PROBATE							
Blanks	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
COUNTY TREASURER							
Blanks	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
COUNTY COMMISSIONER							
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Total Registered Voters: 10,400
Percent Voting: 3.3%
Absentee: 68

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 5, 1996

Pursuant to the provisions of the Warrant of October 17, 1996, the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, qualified to vote in elections met in the Sharon High School Gymnasium at 7:00 A.M., Tuesday, November 5, 1996. The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Shirley S. Davenport who read the call and return of the warrant. The warden for the election was Beth A. Kourafas. The wardens for Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were named as follows: Edna Walden, Barbara Testa, Marjorie Dunn, Elizabeth Farrar and Doris Gladstone. Clerks and workers were: Barbara Ripley, Pat Crockett, Barbara Katz, Ardeth Parrish, Eleanor Herburger, Ann Loiselle, Marie Martin, Betty Farquhar, Patricia Spaulding, Katherine Foley, Clista Dow, Helen Hogan, Alice Stern, Sharon Carroll, Diane Donovan, Diane Curtis, Leslie Kriger, Joan Rogers, Josephine Cabral, Virginia Karelitz, Helen Bouffard, Adrienne Newell, Gertrude Leonard, Phyllis Berkowitz, Shirley Schofield, Robin Goodban, Linda Lyons, Mollie Sonion, Karen Goober, Gail Snyderman, Irene Scott, Elaine Shriber, Mildred Woethley, Janice Cohen, Frances Darrow, Connie Darrow, Eleanor Schwartz, Matilda Cohen, Marilyn Kahn, Ilse Marks, Herbert Pozner, Debbie Markson, David Savage, James Testa, Dave Hamer, Joseph Petrosky, Morton Kaufman, Bernard Rosenberg, Barry Zlotin. The ballot boxes were shown to be empty and registered zero; the ballot boxes were locked and the keys delivered to Officer of the Day, Linda Ferris. All election officers and workers were sworn.

At 8:00 P.M. the polls were declared closed. Total votes were as follows: Precinct 1 - 1706; Precinct 2 - 1909; Precinct 3 - 1833; Precinct 4 - 1837; Precinct 5 - 1791. Total votes cast - 9076. Absentee ballots cast - 561.

The ballots were canvassed according to law by an OPTECH III-P Eagle Precinct Ballot Tabulator. Results were transcribed on summary sheets and declaration was made by Town Clerk Shirley S. Davenport at 9:30 P.M. as follows:

PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT						
BROWNE AND JORGENSEN	19	12	15	24	18	88
CLINTON AND GORE	1223	1358	1351	1286	1220	6438
DOLE AND KEMP	360	416	350	384	395	1905
HAGELIN AND TOMPKINS	1	7	4	5	3	20
MOOREHEAD AND LARIVA	4	3	0	4	2	13
PEROT AND CHOATE	70	82	93	103	126	474
NADER AND LADUKE	9	4	7	8	7	35
BLANKS	20	27	13	23	20	103
SENATOR IN CONGRESS						
JOHN F. KERRY	1057	1058	1089	1087	1035	5326
WILLIAM F. WELD	600	812	709	714	710	3545
SUSAN C. GALLAGHER	23	19	28	19	32	121
PRECINCT	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
ROBERT C. STOWE	3	3	0	4	3	13
BLANKS	23	17	7	13	11	71

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS						
FOURTH DISTRICT						
BARNEY FRANK	1330	1493	1485	1404	1349	7061
JONATHAN P. RAYMOND	329	347	306	378	396	1756
BLANKS	47	69	42	55	46	259
COUNCILLOR SECOND DISTRICT						
KELLY A. TIMILTY	1116	1270	1209	1256	1210	6061
BLANKS	590	639	624	581	581	3015
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT						
NORFOLK, BRISTOL & PLYMOUTH						
DISTRICT						
WILLIAM R. KEATING	1473	1626	1597	1591	1506	7793
BLANKS	233	283	236	246	285	1283
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL						
COURT EIGHTH NORFOLK DISTRICT						
LOUIS L. KAFKA	1376	1555	1533	1477	1418	7359
JAMES J. SKELLY	240	254	211	276	285	1266
BLANKS	90	100	89	84	88	451
REGISTER OF PROBATE						
NORFOLK COUNTY						
THOMAS PATRICK HUGHES	1088	1224	1174	1237	1187	5910
BLANKS	618	685	659	600	604	3166
COUNTY TREASURER NORFOLK						
COUNTY						
ROBERT D. HALL, JR.	513	660	615	576	619	2983
TIMOTHY P. CAHILL	858	823	827	918	855	4281
BLANKS	335	426	391	343	317	1812
COUNTY COMMISSIONER NORFOLK						
COUNTY						
JOHN GILLIS	805	865	876	879	830	4255
WILLIAM P. O'DONNELL	874	982	960	977	972	4765
BLANKS	1733	1971	1830	1818	1780	9132
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE-						
SOUTHEASTERN						
THOMAS W. DEVINE	518	518	606	627	607	2876
WILLIAM F. FLANNERY	546	552	618	667	639	3022
ROBERT A. GIRARDIN	521	531	620	645	649	2966
CHARLES W. MCDONALD	503	495	564	603	584	2749
ILAN FISHER	671	763	727	707	783	3651
PRECINCT						
	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
MINDY MARCIA KEMPNER	429	407	453	506	490	2285
ARNOLD M. KUBLIN	309	565	483	405	422	2184
EDWARD J. RUVICH	273	325	362	340	358	1658
BLANKS	4760	5389	4732	4685	4423	23989
QUESTION 1--CHANGING THE						
TRAPPING AND HUNTING LAWS						
YES	1074	1252	1195	1237	1205	5963
NO	494	515	536	506	511	2562
BLANKS	138	142	102	94	75	551

Total Registered Voters: 11,164
Percent Voting: 81%
Absentee Ballots: 561

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Roni Thaler, Chairman

Norman Katz

Henry D. Katz

Benjamin E. Puritz, Town Administrator

Katherine A. Byrne, Administrative Secretary

Margaret E. Moran, Part-Time Secretary to the Board

The May election saw the reelection of Henry D. Katz for a third term to the Board of Selectmen. Following the annual election, as is custom, the Board reorganized and voted Roni Thaler, Chairman, and Norman Katz, Clerk of the Board.

Notable events and activities which occurred in 1996 included:

I. Fiscal and Operational

- stable tax rate for the third consecutive year while maintaining services
- stable refuse-recycling-hazardous waste collection charges and fixed or lower costs for employee health, property insurance and workers compensation programs
- cost savings in excess of \$82,154 through active participation in Southeastern Regional Services Group cooperative procurement program
- completion of sodium vapor street lighting program resulting in savings of over \$100,000 annually
- record snowfall resulting in a \$244,000 overrun in the Snow and Ice Removal Account

II. Community Participation and Cooperation with Other Departments

- provided transitional assistance to the Board of Selectmen-appointed, new Board of Health, established in accordance with results of the May election ballot question
- Selectmen appointed a Water Management Advisory Committee to assist the Board in overseeing Water Department operational, environmental, and planning functions
- assisted the Commission on Disabilities in its successful efforts to improve accessibility to the disabled at the Sharon Cinema

- expanded cooperation between School and municipal departments regarding athletic fields capital improvement planning and shared use of personnel and equipment
- ongoing liaison with federal/state agencies in connection with the Northeast Corridor High Speed Rail bridge program to assure appropriate aesthetic treatment of the recently completed Maskwonicut Street bridge modification and upcoming Depot Street bridge replacement projects
- initiation of a cul-de-sac beautification program involving participation of approximately twenty neighborhoods
- creation of artificial fish habitat in Lake Massapoag, through a pilot program with the State Department of Fisheries & Wildlife coordinated by the Lake Management Study Committee
- authorization by Town Meeting to provide an easement to the owners of a new restaurant permitting installation of a septic system on public land below Pond Street in order to comply with recently enacted Title V state regulations

III. Planning, Environmental and Facility Improvements and ongoing projects:

- acquisition of a strategically significant parcel for water supply protection purposes located within the “Sharon Woods” development primarily through a State Aquifer Land Acquisition grant to the Town
- near completion of state Clean Lakes grant-funded Lake Massapoag storm-water diversion, erosion control and flume house improvements
- continued high water quality at Lake Massapoag and ongoing lake level management practices in accordance with the Board of Selectmen’s policy to preserve and protect the lake
- removal of asbestos from the Sacred Heart Building and undertaking of structural and cost analysis as part of the Town’s Space Needs assessment program;
- issuance of Mann’s Pond Dam support wall stabilization design and classification analysis contracts
- adoption of a streamline permitting process and companion “user friendly” development guide
- final capping of remaining 6 acres at the landfill
- Post Office Square revitalization program received 1996 Outstanding Planning Project Award from the American Planning Association, Massachusetts Chapter

- construction of a “domed structure” for covered storage of snow/ice removal materials thereby providing enhanced protection of groundwater
- state bidding of Cobb Corner intersection safety improvements and town coordination of required land acquisition for this tri-town project
- retention of Norman Morris Associates for Cable TV franchise relicensing negotiations

As the year closed, the Selectmen were:

- preparing for the February 3, Special Town Meeting which will consider increased funding for the High School expansion project;
- awaiting the results of the Sacred Heart Dormitory structural analysis in conjunction with the ongoing municipal space needs assessment program;
- tracking the status of the Wilber School Assisted Living Project litigation advanced by abutters;
- anticipating ground breaking of the Habitat for Humanity affordable-housing Ares Home rehabilitation project;
- expecting recommendations from the Water Management Advisory Committee regarding selection of a consultant to assess and evaluate nitrate levels for wells located within the Beaver Brook aquifer and regarding the status of the groundwater exploration program;
- planning further aesthetic and pedestrian Post Office Square improvements in conjunction with the Revitalization Committee and Garden Club;
- pursuing the train state parking lot expansion grant through the MBTA;
- monitoring the two-year scheduled replacement of the Depot Street bridge, expected to be completed in 1998, in connection with the Northeast Corridor High Speed Rail project;
- regularly in contact with the State Highway Department regarding the commencement and completion of the Cobb Corner Safety Improvements project during 1997;
- pursuing state assistance and funding for open space/state park acquisition of some 300 acres, in whole or part, located between Mountain Street and Bay Road, known as Rattlesnake Hill, proposed for a combination of residential housing and golf course use by a private developer;
- coordinating the preparation of a Telecommunication bylaw with the Planning Board governing the siting of commercial microwave towers;
- planning Cable TV relicensing hearings and evaluation of survey data in conjunction with license renegotiations;
- expecting to complete the stabilization of Manns’ Pond support walls and filing of a lower hazard dam classification request with the Department of Environmental Management;
- preparing further submissions to the Aquifer Land Acquisition Program regarding use of these grant funds to acquire a portion of the Ward’s property, with the family’s cooperation, for groundwater protection purposes;
- initiating the preliminary feasibility process, in consultation with the Planning Board, for a pedestrian/bicycle path around Lake Massapoag;
- inviting input from Town Boards and Committees in preparation of filing an updated “Community Action Statement” to the state, a prerequisite for continued grant eligibility; and,
- start-up of the Town Engineer recruitment and selection process as the incumbent Robert Vey (whose well-deserved retirement will be a great loss to the Town) intends to enjoy himself by dedicating increased time to sailing, skiing, golfing and traveling.

TOWN CLERK

SHIRLEY S. DAVENPORT - TOWN CLERK
MARLENE B. CHUSED - ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK
BETH A. KOURAFAS - SECRETARY

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTH RECORDS	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
MALE	107	98	108	87	87	90
FEMALE	91	116	109	106	108	94
TOTAL	198	214	217	193	195	184

MARRIAGES RECORDED	67	60	64	63	72	72
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DEATHS RECORDED

MALE	39	42	39	50	48	54
FEMALE	43	39	45	41	53	30
TOTAL	82	81	84	91	101	84

VOTER REGISTRATION

REGISTRARS: SHIRLEY S. DAVENPORT, EARL GASHIN, PETER R.
BAGARELLA, COLERIDGE JEMMOTT

PREC.	DEMOCRAT	REPUBLICAN	LIBERTARIAN	INTER. 3RD PARTY	UNENROLLED	TOTAL
1	863	220	2	0	1048	2133
2	774	229	2	0	1376	2381
3	771	225	2	0	1200	2198
4	798	235	4	0	1207	2244
5	717	240	5	2	1293	2257
TOTAL	3923	1149	15	2	6124	11213

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Joan M. Leighton, Town Accountant
 Eileen M. Generazzo, Assistant Accountant
 Ronnie Alperin Drimer, Secretary
 Linda V. Morse, Secretary

A report of cash receipts and expenditures for the twelve-month period ending June 30, 1996 with the statement of the Towns indebtedness.

TAXES		RECEIPTS	
Boat Excise		\$707.00	
Motor Vehicles		\$1,551,241.47	
Occupancy Excise		\$38,570.00	
Personal Property		\$402,466.61	
Real Estate		\$20,456,864.77	
Tax Title		\$274,596.18	
Deferred Taxes		\$5,341.96	
Taxes in Litigation		\$2,702.34	
TOTAL TAXES			\$22,732,490.33
STATE			
*Highway Fund CH 81		\$134,716.00	
*Elderly Persons Exemp. CL41		\$7,558.00	
*Lottery, Beano, etc. CH29		\$802,644.00	
*Local Aid Add'l Assistance		\$78,642.00	
Blind Person CL37		\$1,488.00	
Loss Taxes - Land Taking		\$38,922.00	
Surviving Spouse		\$700.00	
Veterans Exemption 22A		\$10,612.00	
TOTAL STATE			\$1,075,282.00
EDUCATION			
School Departmental		\$301.79	
School Construction CH645		\$531,409.00	
Transportation CH71		\$135,647.00	
School Aid CH70		\$1,924,244.00	
School Rentals		\$3,280.00	
Metco		\$206,900.00	
Title I ESEA		\$33,833.00	
Smoking Cessation		\$79,951.00	
Community Service Learning		\$16,275.00	
Drug Free School		\$12,011.00	
Project Continue to Teach		\$15,401.00	
Clinical Services		\$140,155.64	
ECIA Chapter 2		\$6,709.00	
SPED Curriculum Framework		\$9,321.00	
Staff Training		\$5,783.00	
Violence Prevention		\$7,699.00	
DARE		\$1,800.00	
Safe Schools		\$3,640.00	
School Lunch		\$449,798.38	
Athletic Revolving		\$58,588.40	
Adult Education		\$49,997.60	
Summer School		\$97,447.40	
SPED Tuition Revolving		\$49,018.06	
School Rental Revolving		\$7,047.50	
Summer Handicapped		\$9,525.00	

School Bus Transportation Revolving	\$87,691.00	
Comm. Ed. - School Trips	\$27,900.00	
Comm. Ed. - Afternoon Program	\$18,107.15	
Comm. Ed. - Before School	\$23,635.56	
Comm. Ed. - After School Care	\$343,866.20	
Comm. Ed. - Technical	\$9,535.00	
Louis Feinstein Donation	\$2,500.00	
Massachusetts Autism Donation	\$400.00	
Community Service Donation	\$32,760.00	
TOTAL EDUCATION		\$4,402,177.68
LIBRARY		
Library Departmental	\$90.00	
Library Fines	\$15,496.54	
Materials Replacement Revolving	\$1,268.01	
*State Aid/Library Incentive Grant	\$7,881.00	
Municipal Equalization Grant	\$4,988.88	
Non-Resident Circ. Offset Award	\$1,818.93	
TOTAL LIBRARY		\$31,543.36
COUNCIL ON AGING		
C.O.A. Formula Grant	\$6,906.00	
C.O.A. Donation Account	\$14,000.00	
TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING		\$20,906.00
PUBLIC WATER SERVICE		
Water Rates	\$1,230,110.27	
Liens A/R	\$62,824.91	
Other	\$73,604.33	
TOTAL PUBLIC WATER SERVICE		\$1,366,539.51
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE		
Court Fines	\$162,684.58	
Parking Fines	\$15,133.75	
Engineering	\$4,732.46	
Conservation	\$5,276.50	
Sealer of Weights	\$664.51	
Building Inspector	\$163,799.88	
Selectmen	\$28,040.91	
Accountant	\$4.60	
Treasurer	\$56,312.95	
Data Processing	\$606.00	
Assessors	\$773.30	
Town Clerk	\$36,805.40	
Health	\$23,912.00	
Board of Appeals	\$2,800.00	
Police	\$7,831.50	
Fire	\$41,532.32	
Animal Control	\$385.00	
Recreation	\$72,582.15	
TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE		\$623,877.81
INTEREST		
On Deposit	\$462,400.51	
Taxes	\$135,107.28	

Library Funds	\$428.45	
Cemetery Funds	\$473.28	
Dorchester Surplus	\$745.06	
Perkins, Hayden & Drake Fund	\$92.02	
Apple Valley Trust	\$971.40	
Griffith Trust	\$242.84	
TOTAL INTEREST		\$600,460.84
AGENCY, TRUST, & INVESTMENT		
State Taxes Withheld	\$947,906.55	
County Retirement	\$505,980.40	
Federal Taxes Withheld	\$2,216,881.08	
Medicare Withheld	\$135,724.28	
FICA Withheld	\$53,146.29	
Employees Health Insurance	\$643,375.94	
Group Life Insurance	\$5,860.91	
Optional Insurance	\$6,773.44	
Employees Life Optional	\$15,861.57	
Teacher Insurance	\$4,682.94	
Mass. Teachers' Retirement	\$658,444.45	
Tax Sheltered Annuity	\$538,704.80	
Teachers Dues	\$80,756.05	
Mass. Teachers Credit Union	\$6,340.50	
Custodial Dues	\$17,797.43	
Police Union	\$8,820.00	
Dispatchers Union Dues	\$1,480.00	
Sharon Credit Union	\$236,436.39	
Firefighters' Dues	\$5,760.00	
Clerical Dues	\$8,982.84	
Garnishment	\$23,038.00	
Savings Bonds	\$21,882.50	
Health & Fitness Dues	\$98.80	
Deferred Comp.	\$283,303.16	
Deferred Comp. Defined Plan	\$1,955.86	
Flex Spending-Dependent	\$27,217.64	
Flex Spending-Medical	\$30,550.20	
Fish & Game Licenses	\$8,162.25	
Police Off-Duty	\$206,348.37	
School Off-Duty	\$43,677.99	
Fire Off-Duty	\$5,026.30	
D.P.W. Off-Duty	\$1,635.52	
Rec. Off-Duty	\$3,822.81	
TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT		\$6,756,435.26
REVENUE INVESTMENT, TRANSFERS & BORROWING		
Temporary Borrowing	\$791,500.00	
Authorized Loans	\$2,413,000.00	
Anticipation Notes	\$158,600.00	
TOTAL REVENUE INVESTMENT, TRANSFERS & BORROWING		\$3,363,100.00
REFUNDS		
School	\$32,497.06	
Refunds Petty Cash	\$950.00	
Other	\$215,197.78	
TOTAL REFUNDS		\$248,644.84

OTHER GENERAL REVENUE

Arts Lottery Council	\$6,236.00	
Emergency Food & Shelter Fund	\$2,509.30	
Post Office Sq. Grant	\$2,000.00	
Cable Relicensing	\$2,161.50	
Municipal Management Grant	\$12,000.00	
Extended Polling Hours	\$862.00	
Police DARE Grant	\$12,000.00	
Police County DARE Grant	\$1,000.00	
Community Policing Grant	\$14,250.00	
Fast Cops Grant	\$22,913.00	
Bullet Proof Vest Grant	\$11,424.00	
Laser Radar Grant	\$3,697.00	
Selective Enforcement	\$1,110.26	
Motorcycle Donation	\$6,000.00	
Hazardous Materials	\$8,855.50	
Fire Safety Awareness Grant	\$10,000.00	
Holiday Lights Donation	\$100.00	
Street Opening - Madison	\$500.00	
Police Off-Duty Surcharge	\$14,168.81	
School Off-Duty Surcharge	\$983.50	
Fire Off-Duty Surcharge	\$245.18	
Recreation Off-Duty Surcharge	\$532.80	
Ambulance A/R	\$80,814.16	
Ambulance Liens	(\$231.84)	
Surplus Revenue	\$13,628.56	
Banner Raising	\$175.00	
In Lieu of Taxes	\$1,755.20	
Recreation Rental	\$22,918.21	
Police Career Incentive	\$59,642.00	
Motor Vehicles Marking Fees	\$4,030.00	
Sale of Inventory	\$557.75	
High School Gym Floor Reserve	\$65,000.00	
Planning Board - Kendall Trust Transfer	\$500.00	
Griffin Property	\$450,000.00	
Chapter 90 MA Reimbursement	\$93,367.42	
TOTAL OTHER GENERAL REVENUE		\$925,705.31

REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

Street Opening Revolving	\$4,050.00	
Recreation Revolving	\$152,764.02	
Railroad Parking Revolving	\$111,046.00	
Special Waste Revolving	\$3,535.00	
Recycling Fund Revolving	\$17,631.08	
Animal Assistance Fund	\$1,193.00	
Wetlands Protection Fund	\$2,237.50	
Conservation Advertising Fund	\$690.00	
Conservation Donation Account	\$10,219.03	
Disability Commission Revolving	\$3,247.50	
TOTAL REVOLVING ACCOUNTS		\$306,613.13

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$42,453,776.07

CASH EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 1995 - JUNE 30, 1996

ACCOUNT

GENERAL ACCOUNTS	SALARIES	EXPENSES	TOTAL
Selectmen	\$139,496.90	\$14,368.37	\$153,865.27
Selectmen Enc.		\$79.02	\$79.02
Selectmen Equipment		\$1,621.00	\$1,621.00
Landfill Closing		\$399,692.06	\$399,692.06
Space Needs Study		\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00
Traffic Study-Walmart		\$5,225.00	\$5,225.00
Accountant	\$119,399.85	\$7,916.56	\$127,316.41
Accountant Enc.		\$205.00	\$205.00
Annual Audit		\$42,624.21	\$42,624.21
Treasurer/Collector	\$201,413.58	\$52,701.49	\$254,115.07
Treasurer Enc.		\$893.44	\$893.44
Data Processing	\$51,374.81	\$54,292.38	\$105,667.19
Data Processing Enc.		\$738.98	\$738.98
Computer Hard/Software 17-93		\$130,481.57	\$130,481.57
Computer Software		\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Data Processing Equipment		\$2,034.63	\$2,034.63
Assessors	\$104,461.30	\$18,956.74	\$123,418.04
Assessors Enc.		\$8,524.46	\$8,524.46
Finance Committee	\$2,119.26	\$436.50	\$2,555.76
Town Clerk	\$71,235.67	\$5,468.52	\$76,704.19
Town Clerk Voting Equip.		\$654.75	\$654.75
Law		\$132,586.00	\$132,586.00
Elections & Registrations	\$24,757.19	\$33,385.73	\$58,142.92
Planning Board	\$3,580.64	\$4,101.24	\$7,681.88
Personnel Board	\$3,026.35	\$19.00	\$3,045.35
Board of Appeals		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Historical Commission		\$396.29	\$396.29
Police	\$1,405,258.97	\$104,684.34	\$1,509,943.31
Police Enc.		\$58,009.86	\$58,009.86
Police Equipment		\$78.00	\$78.00
Police Projects 1996		\$25,604.96	\$25,604.96
Fire	\$830,057.65	\$74,676.95	\$904,734.60
Fire Enc.		\$893.74	\$893.74
Fire Dept. Proj. 1995		\$1,976.96	\$1,976.96
Fire Dept. Proj. 1996		\$178,997.65	\$178,997.65
Ambulance	\$83,818.29	\$3,068.71	\$86,887.00
Sealer of Weights	\$1,400.00	\$130.00	\$1,530.00

Animal Control	\$26,545.89	\$7,765.63	\$34,311.52
Animal Control Enc.		\$150.00	\$150.00
Civil Defense		\$6,544.10	\$6,544.10
Health	\$54,966.79	\$78,378.11	\$133,344.90
Health Enc.		\$9,638.71	\$9,638.71
Animal Inspector	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Dept. of Public Works	\$1,106,252.89	\$668,800.70	\$1,775,053.59
DPW Enc.		\$30,797.81	\$30,797.81
DPW Equip/Sidewalks		\$362.00	\$362.00
Repairs Sacred Heart		\$179.19	\$179.19
Sacred Heart Asbestos Removal		\$932.49	\$932.49
DPW Projects 1995		\$240,232.04	\$240,232.04
DPW Road Projects 1996		\$429,593.39	\$429,593.39
DPW Equip. Projects 1996		\$162,959.21	\$162,959.21
St. Accept. Gavins Pond		\$230.00	\$230.00
St. Accept. Matross		\$25.00	\$25.00
St. Accept. Turning Mill		\$25.00	\$25.00
St. Accept. Iron Hollow		\$25.00	\$25.00
St. Accept. Grape Shot		\$25.00	\$25.00
St. Accept. Forge		\$25.00	\$25.00
St. Accept. Foundry		\$25.00	\$25.00
St. Accept. Fairbanks		\$25.00	\$25.00
St. Accept. Horizon		\$60.00	\$60.00
St. Accept. Manning		\$65.00	\$65.00
Ames Street Paving		\$3,461.83	\$3,461.83
Norwood Street Paving		\$125.42	\$125.42
Old Post Road Paving		\$1,770.78	\$1,770.78
Street Lights		\$262,263.20	\$262,263.20
Library	\$260,674.22	\$180,254.02	\$440,928.24
Library Repairs 1996		\$2,619.16	\$2,619.16
Parks & Recreation	\$181,911.00	\$53,500.74	\$235,411.74
Lake Massapoag Sewerage		\$28,700.15	\$28,700.15
Remodel/Recon. Rec Facilities		\$2,961.62	\$2,961.62
Recreation Projects 1995	\$673.75	\$2,003.62	\$2,677.37
Recreation Projects 1996		\$25,431.79	\$25,431.79
Lake Management		\$838.99	\$838.99
Town Report		\$6,805.60	\$6,805.60
Insurance		\$2,073,648.00	\$2,073,648.00
Unemployment		\$43,772.64	\$43,772.64
Housing Partnership		\$102.40	\$102.40
Council on Aging	\$59,355.78	\$10,269.22	\$69,625.00
Council on Aging Enc.		\$4.56	\$4.56
Council on Aging Bus		\$7,549.52	\$7,549.52
Disabilities Commission		\$38.80	\$38.80
Conservation Commission	\$23,720.81	\$2,641.71	\$26,362.52
Conservation Land Account		\$1,510.00	\$1,510.00
Veterans	\$9,061.78	\$6,003.18	\$15,064.96
Veterans Enc.		\$2,001.00	\$2,001.00
Veterans Graves		\$1,477.88	\$1,477.88
Community Celebrations		\$1,198.86	\$1,198.86
Interest		\$822,696.20	\$822,696.20
Debt		\$2,142,000.00	\$2,142,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL ACCOUNTS	\$4,765,563.37	\$8,711,238.38	\$13,476,801.75

WATER SERVICE

Water Department	\$437,363.31	\$707,904.78	\$1,145,268.09
Water Enc.		\$116,507.62	\$116,507.62
Water Standpipe		\$5,955.62	\$5,955.62
Upland Road Assessment		\$31,471.48	\$31,471.48
Groundwater Exploration		\$15,342.00	\$15,342.00

TOTAL WATER SERVICE	\$437,363.31	\$877,181.50	\$1,314,544.81
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SPECIAL REVENUE

Arts Lottery		\$7,186.00	\$7,186.00
Post Office Square Gt.		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Hurricane Gloria		\$7,981.03	\$7,981.03
Hurricane Bob		\$1,098.00	\$1,098.00
Municipal Mgmt Gt.		\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Police DARE Grant	\$3,834.55	\$5,867.76	\$9,702.31
Police County DARE Grant		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Community Policing Gt.	\$3,294.72	\$7,029.87	\$10,324.59
Police Information System		\$12,928.71	\$12,928.71
Selective Enforcement	\$1,994.46		\$1,994.46
Laser Radar		\$3,697.00	\$3,697.00
Bullet Proof Vest Gt.		\$11,424.00	\$11,424.00
Fast Cops		\$22,913.00	\$22,913.00
Police Motorcycle Donation		\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Fire Safety Awareness	\$8,070.20		\$8,070.20
Hazardous Materials	\$9,198.57		\$9,198.57
Holiday Lights Donation		\$100.00	\$100.00
DEQE Clean Lakes		\$192,838.85	\$192,838.85
Municipal Equalization Gt.		\$551.05	\$551.05
Library Incentive Gt.		\$2,297.88	\$2,297.88
Library Material Replacement		\$1,117.87	\$1,117.87
COA Formula Gt.	\$6,906.00		\$6,906.00
COA Incentive Gt.		\$3.49	\$3.49
COA Donation	\$14,417.51	\$207.42	\$14,624.93
COA Friends Transportation	\$254.36		\$254.36
Emergency Food & Shelter		\$4,648.23	\$4,648.23
Street Opening Revolving		\$8,156.00	\$8,156.00
Railroad Parking Revolving	\$11,469.52	\$80,021.60	\$91,491.12
Recycling Revolving	\$4,283.22	\$15,665.47	\$19,948.69
Animal Assistance Fund		\$525.39	\$525.39
Needy Families Fund		\$60.00	\$60.00
Recreation Revolving	\$23,089.26	\$128,480.07	\$151,569.33
Wetlands Protection Fund		\$2,178.59	\$2,178.59
Conservation Advertising Fund		\$214.66	\$214.66
Conservation Donation		\$185.06	\$185.06
Cable Relicensing Revolving		\$2,370.50	\$2,370.50

TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE	\$86,812.37	\$540,747.50	\$627,559.87
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EDUCATION

School	\$12,404,740.43	\$1,669,115.07	\$14,073,855.50
School Enc.	\$538,251.60	\$28,670.95	\$566,922.55
Heights Addition	\$1,645.54	\$577,859.96	\$579,505.50
Heights Fence		\$3,414.78	\$3,414.78
Southeastern Regional		\$70,086.00	\$70,086.00
Repair School Facilities		\$29,616.37	\$29,616.37

School Dept Proj 1995	\$10,720.13	\$122,701.97	\$133,422.10
School Projects 1996	\$219.76	\$361,408.49	\$361,628.25
Asbestos Removal		\$334.62	\$334.62
Enriching Science		\$3,129.00	\$3,129.00
I.E.P. Training		\$2.25	\$2.25
Summer at Risk		\$25.62	\$25.62
Metco	\$124,705.19	\$67,839.47	\$192,544.66
Title I Low Income	\$32,638.61	\$1,385.99	\$34,024.60
Smoking Cessation	\$75,566.91	\$5,085.18	\$80,652.09
Professional Development	\$75.00	\$576.73	\$651.73
Community Service Learning	\$12,519.00	\$3,197.50	\$15,716.50
Drug Free Schools	\$4,880.00	\$5,483.95	\$10,363.95
Project Continue to Teach	\$14,048.56	\$812.75	\$14,861.31
DARE School Grant		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Palms		\$59.65	\$59.65
Clinical Services	\$94,623.89	\$46,564.79	\$141,188.68
ECIA Chapter 2		\$5,196.44	\$5,196.44
SPED Grant	\$1,364.68	\$499.66	\$1,864.34
Staff Training-Eisenhower		\$5,725.00	\$5,725.00
SPED Curriculum Framework	\$4,563.75	\$3,174.16	\$7,737.91
Safe Schools	\$475.00	\$2,308.69	\$2,783.69
Violence Prevention Grant	\$300.00	\$3,906.88	\$4,206.88
MA Autism		\$400.00	\$400.00
Feinstein Donation		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Juice Box Recycling		\$710.00	\$710.00
Kindergarten Donation		\$9.50	\$9.50
Community Service Donation	\$17,278.69	\$7,674.15	\$24,952.84
Walk for Education		\$191.73	\$191.73
School Lunch	\$171,470.44	\$311,223.19	\$482,693.63
Athletic Revolving	\$5,588.71	\$53,221.78	\$58,810.49
Adult Education	\$33,096.70	\$15,506.14	\$48,602.84
Summer School	\$79,912.28	\$44,548.05	\$124,460.33
SPED Tuition Revolving	\$5,184.01	\$23,867.48	\$29,051.49
School Rental Revolving	\$6,977.02	\$30,294.92	\$37,271.94
Summer Handicapped	\$4,247.00	\$1,362.00	\$5,609.00
School Transportation Revolving		\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Community School Programs	\$290,473.46	\$109,445.48	\$399,918.94
TOTAL EDUCATION	\$13,935,566.36	\$3,722,136.34	\$17,657,702.70

AGENCY TRUST & INVESTMENT

Petty Cash	\$950.00	\$950.00
County Tax	\$93,899.08	\$93,899.08
Norfolk County Retirement	\$931,915.00	\$931,915.00
Federal Taxes	\$2,216,881.08	\$2,216,881.08
State Taxes	\$947,906.55	\$947,906.55
Medicare Withheld	\$135,724.28	\$135,724.28
Medicare	\$134,171.00	\$134,171.00
FICA Withheld	\$53,158.19	\$53,158.19
Social Security	\$49,453.06	\$49,453.06
Group Life Insurance	\$4,380.26	\$4,380.26
County Retirement	\$552,298.55	\$552,298.55
MA Teachers Retirement	\$729,120.26	\$729,120.26
Teachers Insurance	\$5,391.61	\$5,391.61
Employee Health	\$704,889.49	\$704,889.49

Employee Optional		\$6,807.02	\$6,807.02
Tax Sheltered Annuity		\$607,887.71	\$607,887.71
Deferred Comp.		\$286,538.37	\$286,538.37
Deferred Comp-Defined Plan		\$2,010.42	\$2,010.42
Flex Spending-Dependent		\$27,565.54	\$27,565.54
Flex Spending-Medical		\$28,477.15	\$28,477.15
Employee Life Optional		\$15,861.57	\$15,861.57
Teachers Dues		\$89,780.50	\$89,780.50
Custodian Dues		\$19,448.37	\$19,448.37
Firefighters Dues		\$5,760.00	\$5,760.00
Clerical Dues		\$9,785.55	\$9,785.55
Police Dues		\$9,630.00	\$9,630.00
Police Dispatcher Dues		\$1,520.00	\$1,520.00
Sharon Credit Union		\$239,079.17	\$239,079.17
MTA Credit Union		\$6,340.50	\$6,340.50
Savings Bond Deduction		\$21,750.00	\$21,750.00
Health & Fitness Dues		\$136.80	\$136.80
Garnishment		\$23,038.00	\$23,038.00
Fish & Game Licenses		\$8,162.75	\$8,162.75
Police Off-Duty		\$205,096.48	\$205,096.48
School Off-Duty	\$44,407.16		\$44,407.16
Fire Off-Duty	\$3,265.91		\$3,265.91
DPW Off-Duty	\$1,071.29		\$1,071.29
Recreation Off-Duty	\$2,072.01		\$2,072.01
Street Opening-Madison		\$500.00	\$500.00
Street Opening-Westridge		\$500.00	\$500.00
Griffin Educational Trust		\$200.00	\$200.00
High School Gym Floor		\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
Temporary Borrowing		\$1,641,500.00	\$1,641,500.00
TOTAL AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT	\$50,816.37	\$9,882,514.31	\$9,933,330.68

REFUNDS & TRANSFERS

Taxes Personal 1995		\$5.04	\$5.04
Taxes Personal 1996		\$5.82	\$5.82
Taxes Real 1994		\$23,466.46	\$23,466.46
Taxes Real 1995		\$60,592.65	\$60,592.65
Taxes Real 1996		\$19,028.45	\$19,028.45
MV Excise 1994		\$1,733.50	\$1,733.50
MV Excise 1995		\$12,549.84	\$12,549.84
MV Excise 1996		\$6,398.12	\$6,398.12
Ambulance A/R		\$122.40	\$122.40
Estimated Income		\$8,670.89	\$8,670.89
TOTAL REFUNDS & TRANSFERS		\$132,573.17	\$132,573.17

GRAND TOTAL	19,276,121.78	\$23,866,391.20	\$43,142,512.98
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TOWN OF SHARON

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1996

ACCOUNT	DEBIT	CREDIT
ASSETS		
CASH:		
General	\$ 9,440,663.61	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:		
TAXES		
Taxes Personal 1987	\$ 14.95	
Taxes Personal 1988	\$ 0.33	
Taxes Personal 1989		\$ 52.66
Taxes Personal 1990		\$ 31.82
Taxes Personal 1991	\$ 932.94	
Taxes Personal 1992	\$ 877.49	
Taxes Personal 1993	\$ 768.68	
Taxes Personal 1994	\$ 705.64	
Taxes Personal 1995	\$ 3,047.74	
Taxes Personal 1996	\$ 3,364.90	
Taxes Real 1987		\$ 412.69
Taxes Real 1988		\$ 14,446.39
Taxes Real 1989	\$ 1,217.82	
Taxes Real 1990		\$ 4,251.06
Taxes Real 1991		\$ 2,581.00
Taxes Real 1992		\$ 2,879.87
Taxes Real 1993		\$ 8,000.20
Taxes Real 1994		\$ 53,942.94
Taxes Real 1995		\$ 4,649.69
Taxes Real 1996	\$ 218,583.84	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1987	\$ 22,998.88	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1988	\$ 27,612.70	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1989		\$ 1,859.29
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1990	\$ 3,438.12	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1991	\$ 10,480.11	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1992	\$ 9,735.26	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1993	\$ 9,834.29	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1994	\$ 10,200.38	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1995	\$ 26,169.07	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1996	\$ 153,234.77	

FOREST PRODUCTS TAX:

Forest Products Tax	\$	31.20		
Forest Products Revenue			\$	31.20

TAXES IN LITIGATION:

Taxes in Litigation	\$	14,043.15		
Taxes in Litigation Revenue			\$	14,043.15

DEFERRED TAXES & CH. 60 REAL:

Ch. 60 Sec.95 Bankruptcy Claim	\$	3,018.08		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1976	\$	1,428.00		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1977	\$	1,456.00		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1978	\$	1,544.00		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1979	\$	1,596.00		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1980	\$	1,582.00		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1981	\$	3,209.60		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1982	\$	2,714.69		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1983	\$	4,638.90		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1984	\$	4,717.86		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1985	\$	4,404.50		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1986	\$	4,425.30		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1987	\$	4,653.27		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1988	\$	4,790.04		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1989	\$	7,937.49		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1990	\$	9,871.89		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1991	\$	15,544.31		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1992	\$	16,323.03		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1993	\$	21,220.60		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1994	\$	29,341.06		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1995	\$	32,137.55		
Taxes Real Ch. 41 - 1996	\$	33,571.29		

TAX TITLES AND POSSESSIONS:

Tax Title	\$	1,008,921.54		
Tax Title Possessions	\$	87,921.89		

BOAT, SHIP & VESSEL TAX:

Boat, Ship & Vessel - 1989	\$	203.00		
Boat, Ship & Vessel - 1990	\$	204.00		
Boat, Ship & Vessel - 1991	\$	47.16		
Boat, Ship & Vessel - 1992	\$	238.00		
Boat, Ship & Vessel - 1993	\$	632.00		
Boat, Ship & Vessel - 1994	\$	190.00		
Boat, Ship & Vessel - 1995	\$	203.00		
Boat, Ship & Vessel - 1996	\$	852.00		

DEPARTMENTAL:

School Dept. Rental	\$	40,544.97		
School Off-Duty Work			\$	5,202.74
School Off-Duty Work Surcharge	\$	1,444.23		

Police Off-Duty Work	\$	23,417.95		
Police Off-Duty Work Surcharge	\$	2,717.84		
Fire Off-Duty Work		\$11.61		
Fire Off-Duty Work Surcharge	\$	350.05		
Recreation Rentals	\$	15,957.37		
Recreation Off-Duty Work			\$	4,196.68
Rec. Outside Work Surcharge			\$	431.28
DPW Off-Duty Work	\$	57.39		
Ambulance	\$	115,378.88		
Ambulance Liens	\$	1,314.59		
WATER:				
Water Rates	\$	608,223.92		
Water Liens Added To Taxes			\$	20,343.41
REVENUE:				
Special Assessment Revenue			\$	411.33
Revenue 1996-1997	\$	28,624,110.29		
AUTHORIZED LOANS:				
Authorized Loans	\$	10,729,085.00		
Authorized Loans Unissued			\$	10,729,085.00
State Grant Anticipation Noted	\$	158,600.00		
Temp. Borrow. Antic. St. Grant			\$	158,600.00
State Aid Ch. 90 #33480	\$	7,638.25		
Premium on Loan			\$	42.80
OVER- AND UNDERESTIMATES OF ASSESSMENTS:				
MBTA	\$	6,310.00		
Mosquito Control Project			\$	1,068.75
SPED Ed.			\$	12,756.00
County Tax	\$	2.13		
M.V. Renewal Excise	\$	12,360.00		
Norfolk County Retirement			\$	100,842.00
Metro Area Planning			\$	2.25
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:				
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:				
Medicare Withheld			\$	0.13
FICA Withheld	\$	11.90		
Group Life Insurance Withheld			\$	4,876.32
County Retirement Withheld	\$	6,017.75		
MA Teachers Retirement			\$	16,158.95
Teachers Insurance Withheld			\$	11,288.38
Employee Optional Withheld			\$	842.75
Tax Sheltered Annuity Withheld			\$	1,583.55
Deferred Comp.			\$	44.52
Deferred Comp-Defined Plan	\$	44.52		
Flex Spending-Dependent			\$	7,173.91
Flex Spending-Medical			\$	15,894.60
Teachers Dues Withheld	\$	8,939.65		

Custodian Dues Withheld		\$	35.54
Clerical Dues Withheld	\$	5.89	
Savings Bond Deduction		\$	817.50
GUARANTEE DEPOSITS			
St. Opening - Tanglewood		\$	700.00
St. Opening - Canoe River Rd.		\$	500.00
St. Opening - Yasir Ahmed Rd.		\$	500.00
St. Opening - Tory Treasure Lane		\$	500.00
St. Opening - Maskwonicut/Norwood		\$	500.00
St. Opening - Stoneview		\$	500.00
Sec. Deposit - Musket/ Flintlock		\$	1,000.00
Sec. Deposit - Apple Valley		\$	2,250.00
Sec. Deposit - Manor Lane		\$	5,500.00
Sec. Deposit - Manomet/Nauset		\$	5,000.00
Sec. Deposit - Bay Rd.		\$	1,000.00
Sec. Deposit - 101 N.Main St.		\$	500.00
Sec. Deposit - Sharonshire		\$	5,805.00
Arrowhead Farm/INBAR		\$	2,065.20
Bond Proceeds - Savel Lane		\$	3,000.00
AGENCY:			
Licenses for State (Fish & Game)	\$	1.50	
Tailings - Unclaimed Checks		\$	45,502.10
Police Off-Duty Work	\$	3,689.20	
School Off-Duty Work		\$	17,563.59
Fire Dept. Off-Duty Work		\$	7,740.81
Recreation Outside Work		\$	5,415.26
DPW Off-Duty Work		\$	490.98
TRUST FUND INCOME:			
School Income Account		\$	5,888.78
Griffith Fund		\$	627.72
Bates Cemetery Fund		\$	181.78
Marcus Clark Cemetery Fund		\$	993.18
Enoch Fuller Cemetery Fund		\$	564.19
Otis Fuller Cemetery Fund		\$	321.65
Increase Hewins Cemetery Fund		\$	321.15
Sarah J. Holmes Cemetery Fund		\$	741.12
Hurley, Hewins & Warren Cem. Fund		\$	67.25
Cpt. Charles Ide Cemetery Fund		\$	992.05
Lothrop Cemetery Fund		\$	200.98
Matilda C. Morse Cemetery Fund		\$	428.05
Lewis Smith Cemetery Fund		\$	665.83
Jerome B. Snow Cemetery Fund		\$	156.15
Edmund Talbot Cemetery Fund		\$	15,888.82
S. Talbot Cemetery Fund		\$	156.05
Tisdale Cemetery Fund		\$	3,288.34
Bates Library Fund		\$	18.29
Clapp Library Fund		\$	352.60
Joseph A. Cushman Lib. Fund.		\$	270.87

Estey & Hinckley Lib. Fund		\$	172.80
Georgianna O Hampton Lib. Fund		\$	81.68
Historical Library Fund		\$	123.59
Lizzie Burke Library Fund		\$	23.52
Perkins, Hayden & Drake Lib. Fund		\$	227.30
Apple Valley Trust Income Acct.		\$	4,643.89
Griffin Educational Fund Int. Acct.		\$	365.49
Dorchester Surplus		\$	1,346.86
FEDERAL & STATE GRANTS:			
REVOLVING FUNDS:			
Arts Lottery		\$	5,237.93
State Election Reimbursement		\$	1,579.00
Extended Polling Hours		\$	885.00
Police DARE Grant		\$	8,509.20
Community Policing Grant		\$	4,859.88
Selective Enforcement Grant	\$	884.20	
Hazardous Materials		\$	3,212.77
Fire Safety Awareness		\$	1,929.80
DEQE Clean Lakes		\$	49,462.00
Municipal Equalization Grant		\$	10,629.58
Library Incentive Grant		\$	7,993.62
Library Material Replacement		\$	1,189.13
Non-Resident Circulation Offset		\$	3,652.41
Emergency Food & Shelter		\$	217.89
Cable Relicensing Revolving		\$	1,860.50
Street Opening Revolving		\$	19,369.00
Railroad Parking Revolving		\$	43,826.35
Recycling Revolving		\$	4,633.65
Animal Assistance Fund		\$	1,347.61
Needy Families Fund		\$	530.00
Commission Disabilities Rev. Fund		\$	4,542.50
Recreation Revolving		\$	4,888.30
Wetlands Protection Fund		\$	7,460.29
Conservation Advertising Fund		\$	1,248.58
Conservation Horizon for Youth		\$	1,000.00
Conservation Donation		\$	10,070.58
EDUCATION			
Heights Addition		\$	56,986.55
Planning New School		\$	83.70
School Projects FY95		\$	20,090.34
School Projects FY96		\$	384,441.75
Summer at Risk		\$	9.62
Metco		\$	27,482.12
Title I Low Income		\$	6,372.48
Smoking Cessation		\$	7,418.18
Community Service Learning		\$	1,328.16
Drug Free Schools		\$	3,728.17
Continue to Teach 1996		\$	2,717.12
Teacher Training Math & Science		\$	58.00

ECIA Chapter 2 1996		\$	1,518.72
Clinical Services		\$	8,874.26
Safe Schools		\$	856.31
Curriculum Framework		\$	1,583.09
DARE School Grant	\$	1,200.00	
Violence Prevention Grant		\$	3,492.12
Blake Library Donation		\$	1,000.00
Kindergarten Donation		\$	87.57
Joanne Weiner Donation		\$	62.56
Middle School Drama Donation		\$	4.77
Wickersham Donation		\$	75.00
Community Service Donation		\$	7,807.16
SPED Tuition Revolving		\$	28,804.11
School Lunch		\$	12,364.13
Summer School		\$	29,849.94
School Transportation		\$	8,670.46
Adult Education		\$	3,250.54
School Rental Revolving		\$	9,054.16
Summer Handicapped		\$	6,630.84
COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAMS			
Trips		\$	11,955.21
Before School Care		\$	14,615.00
After School Care		\$	9,581.01
Donations & Scholarships		\$	145.66
Technical		\$	1,217.11
APPROPRIATION BALANCES:			
Selectmen Equipment		\$	1,947.82
Selectmen Office Equip. ATM 90		\$	219.93
Landfill Closing		\$	371,716.15
Space Needs Study		\$	1,747.64
Auto Body Property		\$	15,000.00
Traffice Study Walmart		\$	5,275.00
Cobb Corner Easment		\$	100.00
Accountant Enc.		\$	398.00
Annual Audit		\$	1,560.35
Computer Hardware/Software		\$	125.47
Update Assessment		\$	50,608.95
Engineering Study Rt. 1		\$	10,000.00
Town Clerk Voting Equipment		\$	7,630.09
Taxes on Gift of Land		\$	715.70
Police Phone System		\$	3,353.12
Police Projects FY96		\$	4,395.04
Fire Encumbrance FY92		\$	3,133.02
Fired Department Projects FY96		\$	1,002.35
Repair to Sacred Heart		\$	1,529.81
Sacred Heart Asbestos Removal		\$	34,067.51
DPW Equipment Projects 1996		\$	53,141.60
DPW Road Projects 1996		\$	395,949.61
Ch. 90 East St. Paving		\$	7,638.25

Library Repairs FY96	\$	7,380.84
Remodel Recon. Rec. Fac & Equip	\$	7,163.65
Recreation Projects FY95	\$	3,858.22
Recreation Projects FY96	\$	17,568.21
Lake Testing	\$	34.40
Unemployment Fund	\$	51,233.18
Council on Aging Bus	\$	1,796.48
Conserv. Land Acquisition ATM85 Art 24	\$	5,000.00
Conserv. Land Acquisition ATM85 Art 26	\$	5,417.17
Lyons Land Settlement	\$	25,000.00
WATER:		
Upland Rd. Assessment	\$	204,265.93
New Well Field Pump. Sta. ATM87	\$	36,087.09
Groundwater Exploration ATM90	\$	59,326.48
RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS:		
Road Machinery Fund	\$	6,596.28
RESERVES:		
Overlay Reserved For Abatements		
1986-1987	\$	85.01
1987-1988	\$	87.50
1989-1990	\$	1,880.07
1991-1992	\$	15,242.15
1992-1993	\$	46,570.97
1993-1994	\$	144,608.98
1994-1995	\$	224,489.27
1995-1996	\$	274,736.19
Reserve For Encumbrances	\$	923,712.22
Revenue Appropriation Control	\$	30,568,458.50
Reserve for Appropriation -Conservation Advertising	\$	890.00
REVENUE RESERVED UNTIL COLLECTION		
Boat, Ship & Vessel Revenue	\$	2,569.16
M.V. Excise Tax Revenue	\$	271,844.29
Taxes Deferred & Reserved	\$	210,125.46
Tax Title Possession Revenue	\$	1,096,843.43
Departmental Revenue	\$	74,670.71
Ambulance Revenue	\$	116,693.47
Water Revenue	\$	587,880.51
SURPLUS REVENUE:		
Surplus Revenue	\$	2,139,289.71
Water Surplus	\$	1,215,403.06
Ambulance Surplus	\$	101,785.57
COMMITTED INTEREST:		
Committed Interest	\$	56.97
APPORTIONED WATER BETTERMENTS:		
Apport. Water Bett. Added to Taxes	\$	354.36

DEBT ACCOUNTS:

Net Debt	\$ 16,093,000.00	
Municipal Bonds		\$ 220,000.00
Library Bonds		\$ 100,000.00
Drainage Constr. Loan 1980		\$ 20,000.00
General Purpose Loan ATM 87-Water		\$ 80,000.00
General Purpose Loan ATM 87		\$ 80,000.00
Municipal Purpose Loan 1988		\$ 100,000.00
Municipal Purpose Loan ATM 89-90		\$ 355,000.00
Municipal Purpose Loan ATM 89-Water		\$ 30,000.00
Municipal Purpose Loan ATM 90		\$ 250,000.00
General Obligation Bond		\$ 1,395,000.00
General Obligation Bond 1993		\$ 380,000.00
Municipal Purpose Loan 1994		\$ 5,435,000.00
Municipal Purpose Loan 1995		\$ 5,235,000.00
Municipal Purpose Loan 1996		\$ 2,413,000.00

TRUST & INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS:

Trust & Investment	\$ 1,658,221.76	
Stabilization Fund		\$ 4,678.80
Dorchester & Surplus Revenue		\$ 3,130.00
Sharon Friends School Fund		\$ 12,210.00
Perkins, Hayden & Drake		\$ 1,355.00
Lizzie Burke Library Fund		\$ 200.00
Clapp Library Fund		\$ 3,000.00
Bates Library Fund		\$ 100.00
Estey Hinckley Library Fund		\$ 1,470.00
Historical Library Fund		\$ 1,051.61
Joseph W. Cushman Library Fund		\$ 2,304.28
Georgianna Hampton Library Fund		\$ 694.60
Library Trust Fund		\$ 9,457.96
Lothrop Cemetery Fund		\$ 125.00
Mrs. H.A. Warren Cemetery Fund		\$ 40.00
S. Talbot Cemetery Fund		\$ 100.00
Jerome B. Snow Cemetery Fund		\$ 100.00
Cynthia Bates Cemetery Fund		\$ 100.00
Sarah Jane Holmes Cemetery Fund		\$ 400.00
Matilda C. Morse Cemetery Fund		\$ 200.00
Lewis Smith Cemetery Fund		\$ 300.00
Enoch Fuller Cemetery Fund		\$ 300.00
Marcus Clark Cemetery Fund		\$ 500.00
Cpt. Charles Ides Cemetery Fund		\$ 500.00
Otis Fuller Cemetery Fund		\$ 150.00
Increase Hewins Cemetery Fund		\$ 150.00
Edmund H. Talbot Cemetery Fund		\$ 5,000.00
Tisdale Cemetery Fund		\$ 1,800.00
Griffith Fund		\$ 200.00
Kendall Trust		\$ 68,735.33
Insurance Claims Trust Funds		\$ 1,182,812.87
Law Enforcement Trust		\$ 3,969.02
Apple Valley Conservation Trust		\$ 20,000.00
Refuse Collection Trust Fund		\$ 134,244.90
Dr. Walter Griffin & Helen Griffin Sch.		\$ 5,000.00
Workmen's Comp. Trust		\$ 193,842.39

TOTAL	\$ 69,387,446.09	\$ 69,387,446.09
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TABLE OF FIXED DEBT
JUNE 30,1996

*BANK	LOAN/DATE	AMOUNT	RATE	MATURITY	OUTSTANDING 30-Jun-96	PRINCIPAL DUE FY97	INTEREST DUE FY97	DEBT BOOK PG
A.	Municipal Bldg. Nov.1, 1980 (1426)	1,425,000.00	8.00%	11/1/99	220,000.00	55,000.00	17,160.00	100
A.	Library Bonds Nov. 1, 1980 (1427)	780,00.00	8.00%	11/1/99	100,000.00	25,000.00	7,800.00	101
A.	Drainage Construction Nov. 1, 1980 (1428)	100,000.00	8.00%	11/1/99	20,000.00	5,000.00	1,560.00	102
A.	Municipal Purpose Loan Aug. 1, 1987 (1499-004) (1499-005)	1,605,000.00	VAR.	8/1/97	160,000.00	110,000.00	6,350.00	109
A.	Municipal Purpose Loan Aug. 1, 1988 (1499-006)	1,305,000.00	VAR.	8/1/97	100,000.00	50,000.00	4,725.00	110
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Oct. 15, 1989 (1499-007) (1499-008)	2,545,000.00	VAR.	10/15/98	385,000.00	135,000.00	20,637.50	111
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Sept. 15, 1990 (1499-009)	1,360,000.00	VAR.	9/15/97	250,000.00	125,000.00	12,781.25	112
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Nov. 1, 1991 (1499-010)	3,095,000.00	VAR.	11/1/01	1,395,000.00	250,000.00	69,890.00	113
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Dec. 15, 1992 (1499-011)	905,000.00	VAR.	12/15/99	380,000.00	150,000.00	13,380.00	114
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Jan. 15, 1994 (1499-012)	6,270,000.00	VAR.	7/15/13	5,435,000.00	410,000.00	237,550.00	115
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Feb. 1, 1995	5,922,000.00	VAR.	2/1/13	5,235,000.00	665,000.00	300,150.00	116
B.	Municipal Purpose Loan Dec. 1, 1995 (1499-013)	2,413,000.00	VAR.	12/1/05	<u>2,413,000.00</u>	<u>358,000.00</u>	<u>145,504.75</u>	117
	TOTALS				16,093,000.00	2,338,000.00	837,488.50	

*Bank Codes A.=Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.

B= State Street Bank & Trust Co.

Office Of The Collector

Robert J. Uyttebroek, Town Collector
Jean F. Coffey, Assistant Collector
Elizabeth A. Siemiatkaska, Collections Supervisor
Jean A. Noughton, Senior Bookkeeper - Treasury / Collections
Caryl D. Antonio, Senior Bookkeeper - Treasury / Collections
Patricia T. Lesco, Junior Bookkeeper / Secretary

Office Of The Treasurer

Robert J. Uyttebroek, Town Treasurer
Jean L. Healy, Assistant Treasurer
Judith K. Doo, Payroll Supervisor

Department of Data Processing

Robert J. Uyttebroek, Manager of Information Systems
Donald P. Hillegass, Systems Administrator

The Office of the Collector is responsible for the collection of all taxes and excises assessed by the Board of Assessors, and usage fees assessed by the Water, Fire, Police, Recreation, and School Departments. The Office also properly records and accounts for all funds received. On the occasion of a tax delinquency, the Office prepares and processes tax takings. The Office of the Treasurer receives all Town revenues according to departmental turn-in schedules. The Office properly accounts for these receipts to the General Fund and the investment of these funds. The Office distributes all disbursements to Town employees and vendors. The Office processes payroll for over 500 employees and administers all employee benefits. The Office is responsible for the planning, negotiations, and settlement of all temporary and permanent debt. The Department of Data Processing maintains the operation of all computer hardware and peripherals, and sustains and administers the various software programs that support the financials, collections, assessed valuations, property records, census, and water usage. The Department creates applications to support other activities as needed within the Town.

Temporary Borrowings Issued in FY96:

Bond Anticipation Note of \$791,500 issued 4 October 1995 and retired 15 December 1995.

State Aid Anticipation Note of \$158,600 issued 28 June 1996 and scheduled to be retired 27 June 1997.

Permanent Debt Issued in FY96:

Date of Issue: 1 December 1995

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Authorized</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>	<u>Date of Maturity</u>	<u>Net Interest Costs</u>
Authorized on 9 May 1995:				
Conservation Commission				
land acquisition	\$400,000	\$400,000	1-Dec-05	\$95,260
Department of Public Works				
data processing equipment	\$20,000	\$20,000	1-Dec-99	\$2,058
other equipment	\$165,000	\$165,000	1-Dec-99	\$16,683
curb & sidewalk construction	\$125,000	\$125,000	1-Dec-00	\$15,413
public ways	\$600,000	\$600,000	1-Dec-05	\$142,890
surface drains	\$65,000	\$65,000	1-Dec-05	\$13,155
computer software	\$30,000	\$30,000	1-Dec-00	\$3,305
	\$1,005,000	\$1,005,000		\$193,503
Fire Department				
equipment	\$180,000	\$180,000	1-Dec-04	\$35,378
Police Department				
equipment	\$12,000	\$12,000	1-Dec-99	\$1,235
building remodeling	\$18,000	\$18,000	1-Dec-04	\$3,853
	\$30,000	\$30,000		\$5,088
Public Library				
building remodeling	\$10,000	\$10,000	1-Dec-00	\$1,233
Recreation Department				
equipment	\$8,000	\$8,000	1-Dec-99	\$823
outdoor recreational facilities	\$10,000	\$10,000	1-Dec-97	\$633
building remodeling	\$25,000	\$25,000	1-Dec-00	\$3,083
	\$43,000	\$43,000		\$4,538
School Committee				
outdoor recreational facilities	\$135,000	\$135,000	1-Dec-04	\$28,898
data processing equipment	\$120,000	\$120,000	1-Dec-99	\$12,345
other equipment	\$75,000	\$75,000	1-Dec-99	\$7,420
building remodeling	\$415,000	\$415,000	1-Dec-04	\$85,455
	\$745,000	\$745,000		\$134,118
Total Issue:	\$2,413,000	\$2,413,000		\$469,116

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Robert A. Merritt, M.A.A. Chairman
 Paula Keefe, M.A.A.
 Ellen Abelson, M.A.A.

Mark J. Mazur, M.A.A., Assistant Assessor
 Mary A. Hall, Administrative Assistant
 Martha Lurie, Clerk

ASSESSED VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY	Fiscal 1996	Fiscal 1997
Real Estate	1,077,563,500	1,102,040,500
Personal Property	20,898,100	22,139,600
Total	1,098,461,600	1,124,180,100

REAL ESTATE EXEMPT FROM TAXATION	86,238,200	86,707,600
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FIVE YEAR SUMMARY

Fiscal Year	Valuation	Total Appropriation	To be raised by Taxation	Tax Rate
1993	1,018,607,900	25,613,100.77	18,620,152.41	18.28
1994	1,036,727,200	26,664,651.00	19,428,267.73	18.74
1995	1,070,835,300	28,674,834.00	20,774,204.82	19.40
1996	1,098,461,600	30,190,783.00	21,310,155.04	19.40
1997	1,124,180,100	32,970,034.50	21,809,093.94	19.40

During fiscal 1996 the Board of Assessors held thirty-two meetings. The Board granted 920 motor vehicle abatements, acted on sixty-five applications for real estate or personal property abatement and approved the following exemptions for fiscal 1996:

Clause	Number Granted	Tax Dollars Exempted
17D(Surv.Spouse)	18	\$4,169.49
18(Hardship)	2	1,000.00
22(Veterans)	141	48,374.84
22A(Veterans)	3	2,100.00
22E(Veterans)	5	5,010.68
37(Blind)	17	12,012.77
41C(Elderly)	31	21,111.89
42(Surv.Sp.Police)	1	2,875.08
Paraplegics	3	8,861.92
Totals	221	\$105,516.67
41A Deferred Taxes	15	33,571.29

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

John A. Sulik, Superintendent of Public Works
Marie E. Cuneo, Business Manager
Cynthia E. Rhodes, Secretary
Evelyn R. O'Reilly, Secretary

The individual reports of this Department's five divisions demonstrate the overall breadth and scope of the DPW's responsibilities and activities.

The year was marked by two weather anomalies which had a major impact on the Department - an all-time record snowfall and a freak windstorm on May 21st. Both events placed an untoward recovery burden on the Department with a resultant reduction in our construction output.

Programs administered by the Department include refuse collection and curbside recycling. The quarterly cost to residents for both services remained unchanged at \$28.00. A successful household hazardous waste collection day was conducted in June - funded from residential refuse fees.

Parking space at the railroad station, administered by this Department, continues overtaxed. Plans to expand parking with the aid of a Federal grant were put on hold because of legal objections by neighboring residents.

We welcome the creation and efforts of the Water Management Advisory Committee and look forward to the results of their productive efforts.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

Bernard J. Yankowski, Supervisor
William Petipas, Assistant Supervisor

As a result of the worst winter on record the first quarter of the year was spent primarily on snow and ice control.

In addition to routine activities, street sweeping, pothole patching, sign installation and maintenance, snowplowing and sanding, the following projects were completed:

- assisted Forestry and Grounds Division in preparing soccer fields at Gavins Pond for hydroseeding
- undertook sidewalk construction on East Foxboro Street, completing from Gunhouse to Harding Street
- relocated intersection of Walpole and Moose Hill Streets
- commenced relocation of Massapoag Avenue & Morse Street

- catch basins were installed and drain pipes replaced throughout the Town to improve and/or correct drainage problems.

FORESTRY AND GROUNDS

Kevin Weber, Supervisor

The first full season for this division was very busy. Routine activities include maintenance and mowing of all school grounds, athletic fields, town offices, cemeteries and specified roadsides.

During the year other projects included:

- assisting Operations Division with snow removal
- pruning of deadwood on town owned trees on entire length of North and South Main Streets.
- cleaning up after May 21st tornado-like storm consumed a great deal of effort. An outside contractor was hired and hauled 3,520 yards of debris out of town.
- rebuilding of 60' baseball field at Cottage St. School and 90' infield at High School were completed
- assisting Garden Club with planting at various locations
- participating in Earth Week celebration tree planting at each elementary school.
- managing Farnham Road composting area. 8041 vehicles made use of this site for disposal of yard waste throughout the year.

WATER DIVISION

David Masciarelli, Supervisor

Routine Activities

Station Maintenance

Meters Read (twice annually) 5365

New Meters Installed	64
Meters Replaced	268
Meters Repaired	23
Readings for Passing	214
Water Shut Offs for Plumbers	85
New Hydrants Installed	9
Freeze Up Call Responses	5
Water Main Break Repairs	4
Hydrants Repaired or Replaced	27
Curb Boxes Repaired and Replaced	51
New Services Tapped	6

WATER SAMPLES TAKEN

State Bacteria	243
State Fluoride	84
Sodium	0
Volatile Organic Compounds	18
Special	133

GALLONS OF WATER PUMPED 483,000,000

NEW WATER MAINS

Beach Street	300'	6"	C.L.D.I.
Baldwin Drive	400'	8"	C.L.D.I.
Old Wolomolopoag St.	1300'	8"	C.L.D.I.
Maskwonicut Street	170'	8"	C.L.D.I.

1. Paragon Contracting Corp. was awarded the contract for the cleaning and painting of the Massapoag Avenue water storage tank.
2. Consumers Applied Technologies was engaged to conduct a leak survey of our water system The survey located 10 small leaks which have been repaired.
3. R.E. Chapman Co. has been hired to rehabilitate Station #6.
4. Amory Engineers has conducted a water audit and established the unaccounted water at 5.9%. This figure is indicative of a tight system.

BUILDING INSPECTION AND CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Joseph X. Kent, Inspector of Buildings & Zoning Enforcement
Officer
James B. Delaney, Inspector of Wires
Edward J. Forsberg, Plumbing and Gas Inspector

The Inspector of Buildings is responsible to administer, enforce and advise on State Building Code, Sharon Zoning By-Laws, handicap access regulation and M.G.L.Ch. 40A issues. Inspector of Buildings oversees part time wiring and plumbing/gas inspectors. The Building Division is responsible for maintaining file storage, record keeping and plan archives. The Building Inspector serves as the liaison to the Special Permit Granting Authority and as M.E.M.A. first response disaster investigator.

Residents are reminded that it is illegal to construct, reconstruct or alter a structure without first obtaining a building permit from the Building Inspector. Residents must obtain a permit to

reshingle a roof, to install new siding, to construct a tool shed or a cabana or to rebuild a rotted out deck. Before undertaking a renovation project, residents should ensure demolition debris generated by this project will be legally disposed of.

Electric wiring cannot be installed, nor can gas piping or reconnection of gas appliances or plumbing fixtures be installed without a permit by licensed personnel. All domestic water piping must be installed with no lead solder. The installation of permanent water treatment or purification equipment and lawn sprinkler system connected to a potable water supply including private wells shall be made subject to inspection and approval by the Plumbing Inspector for the protection of residents and their families.

The total number of building permits issued during 1996 was 492, of these 43 permits were for single family dwellings. Single family home construction is down from 1995.

The total value of construction and alterations was \$13,866,237.00

Permits Issued and Value of Construction:

Type of Construction	Permits 1996	Issued 1995	Estimated Values	
			1996	1995
Single family	43	48	6,300,113	8,175,870
Multi-family	4	1	2,702,201	500,000
Additions/				
Alterations	412	425	4,409,678	5,120,672
Garages	3	5	29,942	145,000
Others (sign, pool/				
demolition)	29	24	256,502	218,406
New non-residential	1	4	167,800	3,320,338
Wood Stoves	3	10	45	150

Fees for building, gas, plumbing and wiring permits collected during 1996 in the amount of \$114,235 were turned over to the Town Treasurer.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Robert J. Vey, P.E., Town Engineer
 Carlos A. Sanchez, P.E., Sr. Engineering Aide
 James R. Andrews, Engineering Aide
 Anthony A. Comeau, Engineering Aide

The Engineering Division provided technical support to Town Departments, Boards, Committees, residents and others throughout the year.

The Division, as agent for the Planning Board, reviewed 16 plans submitted for approval and provided technical assistance to the Board during the processing of these applications. The Town Engineer attended all of the Board's meetings. Construction of roadways and related improvements in fifteen subdivisions was inspected regularly to assure conformance to the Board's rules and regulations.

The Division, as agent for the Board of Health, continued to implement the 1995 Title 5 Regulations. In addition to permitting and inspecting construction of a 35,000 gallon per day sewer treatment plant at MacIntosh Farms and a 1,900 gallon per day septic system for the Pizzagando Restaurant, the Division approved design, issued permits and inspected the installation of 157 new or replacement septic systems.

The Division also provided design, construction, and other technical services for the following projects:

1. Erosion control at Lake Massapoag
2. Reconstruction of Deborah Sampson baseball fields
3. New salt shed at Department of Public Works yard
4. Modular addition to Department of Public Works building
5. New drainage system for Robin Road
6. Intersection improvements at various locations
7. New sidewalk on East Foxboro Street
8. Final phase of capping at the landfill
9. Asbestos removal at the former Sacred Heart School
10. Modifications to the Maskwonicut Street bridge
11. Cobb Corner intersection improvements
12. Depot Street Bridge replacement

The Division purchased computer hardware and software and awarded a contract to Woodward and Curran to digitize assessor's maps and provide training for Town personnel in the use and application of a geographical information system(G.I.S.).

SHARON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Joseph S. Bernstein, Chief of Police

During 1996 members of the Sharon Police Department maintained their commitment to servicing the needs of the community. We continue to perform the traditional duties many expect from our police, plus we have worked together with the School Department, Recreation Department, Fire Department, Department of Public

Works and various other town entities and civic organizations in an effort to provide superior community oriented service.

Again this year we have been very successful in pursuing funds for new programs while maintaining those initiated over the past few years. Grant awards include \$150,000 to defray the cost of hiring two additional officers for three years (Federal Universal Hiring Program), Community Policing \$13,700, three separate DARE Grant awards totaling \$17,700, and a Block Grant of \$2,500. Officer Linda Farris continues to do an excellent job coordinating these efforts.

The Community Policing Grant enabled us to continue funding weekly bicycle patrols around our recreational areas and during special events such as the Fourth of July Celebration, concerts at the lake, Post Office Square Celebration and Halloween night. The feedback on these patrols has been tremendous. Officers are very visible, easily approached, and their maneuverability was invaluable during the Fourth of July Celebration and Halloween night.

The Block Grant was awarded to send three officers to a two day boat handling course and pay costs for training all officers in boating and safety regulations. This will assist us in making recreational activities on Lake Massapoag safer for all.

A monthly crime prevention article has been initiated this year as another way of reaching out to our citizenry with helpful and informative information. Officer Greenfield has written articles on a variety of topics including evaluating home security systems, home security surveys, Halloween safety tips, and transient vendors. If you have a topic you would like addressed or would like a home security survey please contact Officer Allan Greenfield.

Monies obtained through the DARE (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) Grants have enabled us to maintain DARE curriculum at the elementary schools and Middle School. Funding allowed us for the first time to offer a DARE Parents Program and a Child Assault Prevention Program. The Dare Parents program was developed to help educate parents on various topics dealing with our youth. The Child Assault Prevention Project in cooperation with the Sexual Assault Program of New Hope addressed first, third and sixth grade students on the topic of sexual assault prevention. All of these programs along with the Officer Phil Program which this year will address cultural diversity, Dating Violence Program, Emergency Alert Program (issuance of I.D. bracelets to individuals effected by Alzheimer and similar diseases), and Automobile Glass Etching Program are means to provide a safer and healthier environment, and better serve and educate our community.

During 1996 there were numerous happenings involving personnel. Sergeants Kaufman and McGrath were promoted to Lieutenant and Officers Coffey and Williams were promoted to Sergeant. John Ford, a long time resident and music teacher in our schools, along with another town resident, Mike Balestra, were hired as police officers, and Bobby Nichols was hired as a part time dispatcher. Lieutenant Kaufman and Detective Keating received an award for intervening and arresting a suspect stalking his estranged wife. Officers Cameron, Deberadinis, Fontes and Bishop along with Lt. McGrath participated in the Special Olympic ceremonies at Boston University. Officer Steve Fontes concluded the year by assisting in the birth of Luke Ryan Evans.

1996 was a busy year for the police department. We received over 31,000 telephone calls and officers were involved in over 16,000 incidents requiring police service. They responded to 341 motor vehicle accidents of which 249 required formal reporting and 51 involved personal injury. Officers issued 485 written warnings, 926 civil citations and 184 criminal citations. Two hundred and ten people were arrested for 355 violations. Officers served 36 Domestic Violence Protective Orders and responded to 53 incidents of family/domestic violence which resulted in the arrest of 17 people. We responded to over thirteen hundred false burglar alarms and 183 times assisted people who locked themselves out of their vehicles. During the past year statistics involving burglaries and larcenies are encouraging. Burglaries are down two years in a row. There were 69 reported in 1994, 43 in 1995, 7 in 1996 plus 5 attempted. Larcenies dropped from 185 in 1994 to 92 in 1995. We saw a slight increase to 98 during 1996. It is important to remember that these figures can change dramatically by a one or two person crime wave. Sometimes a couple of people can commit 10 to 20 burglaries or larcenies in a short period. We should continue to be vigilant in securing our property so we are not easily preyed upon. In our community the vast majority of these incidents happen during the daytime hours when people are expected to be away from home. As mentioned earlier, we will be glad to assist you in conducting a home security survey to better protect your property.

This year I will conclude by thanking all the people who have supported the police department. Many of you have spoken to me personally and others have sent notes of thanks and appreciation complimenting a variety of department members. Your thoughts and thanks are shared with all members and are greatly appreciated.

If you have any comments or suggestions which you feel would be beneficial to us in serving you, please let us know. You can either telephone me at 784-1588, stop by the police station, or send us a note.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF JAMES A. POLITO

DEPUTY CHIEF GEORGE T. LITTLE

INCIDENTS RESPONDED TO IN 1996:

All Units Box Alarms	3
Squad Calls	56
Still Alarms	636
Aid Calls	542
Ambulance	1004

BREAKDOWN OF INCIDENTS RESPONSE FOR FIRE PROBLEMS:

Fires in Structures	8
Stove Fires	24
Appliances	37
Electrical	33
Heating Systems	36
Wood Stoves and Fireplaces	12
Car and Truck Fires	46
Brush Fires	22
Miscellaneous	23
Hazardous Materials	16
Propane Gas Grills	9
Carbon Monoxide Detectors	109
Smoke Detectors/Alarms	198

OTHER ASSISTANCE RUNS FOR INSPECTIONS AND STANDBY:

Certificate of Compliance Inspections and test for smokedetectors for resale property.	248
Smoke Detector Inspections for new homes for the issue of Certificate of Occupancy	83
Inspections of new and replacement heating oil burners	54
Propane Gas Storage Tank Inspections	11
Blast Permits Issued	13
Sprinkler System Installation Permits and Tests	7
Underground Storage Tank Removal Permit	3
Smokeless Powder Permits	3
Tank Truck Permits and Inspections	2
Brush	654

TOTAL INCIDENT RESPONSES FOR 1996	3319
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REQUEST FOR INCIDENTS REPORTS:	25
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A new municipal main control fire alarm panel was installed this year. It replaced the original panel which was installed in 1958.

This unit is a computerized panel and is efficient and compatible with several of our other electrical components.

A new four-wheel brush truck was delivered this year. This unit will be utilized as an all-purpose vehicle. It has water capacity and a utility body with many compartments and storage for our supplies.

During the year this department responded to eight structure fires. Two of the fires were at industrial warehouses. One building is a mercantile and office building. There were five house fires which suffered extensive damage. Three house fires had some damage and were contained to one room.

Our Hazardous Materials Technicians who are assigned to the District One Team responded to several incidents. The responsible business is billed for all labor and transportation charges and the Town is reimbursed.

The Boston Med Flight Helicopter was requested at Route 95 twice to transport victims involved in motor vehicle accidents.

Once again, there was an increase in our ambulance transports to local hospitals. The amount billed for the transport was \$124,480.00. The fees generated by this service are used to defray the cost of labor and equipment and a specific amount goes towards the purchase of a new ambulance when it becomes necessary.

For the second year a grant was submitted to the State Department of Public Safety, requesting reimbursement for the removal of the Town owned underground storage tanks. This was approved and a draft was sent for the amount of \$3,612.50. This was deposited into the general fund.

The Student Awareness Fire Education (SAFE) Program was presented with handouts, lectures, and video presentations at the schools. This \$10,000.00 grant was approved by the Department of Public Safety. This program is targeted at the dangers of tobacco smoking and fire protection. This grant expired on June 30, 1996. I will be applying for approval of the SAFE GRANT again in 1997.

The amount of \$10,397.30 was submitted to the Treasurer's Office. Monies were generated from fees for various permits and compliance certificates issued by the fire department.

The bi-monthly firefighter/EMT training is a vital program for our personnel. Firefighting techniques continually change. To maintain EMT certification continuing education hours are mandated. This year's program was sponsored by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy and covered firefighting

procedures which also included EMTs. Staff from Beth Israel Hospital, Brigham's & Women's Hospital and Boston Med Flight lectured on the various procedures.

Our personnel continues to be professional, well trained firefighters capable of handling all emergencies during the year.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Paul S. Birnbaum, M.D., Chairman
Susan Osgood Peck
Stanley L. Rosen, CHO
Ronna Bernstein Wallace, Vice Chairman
Alison Walsh
Linda Rosen, Administrative Assistant

On July 15, 1996, after 30 years of the Board of Selectmen acting as the Board of Health, the newly constituted independent Sharon Board of Health held its first meeting. By year's end, the Board had met on 16 Monday nights.

The new Board has spent considerable time meeting with town officials and members of other Boards, as well as independent experts such as Marcia Benes of the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards, in order to educate itself on its many responsibilities. As a part of this self-education campaign, all five Board members, as well as the town's Sanitarian and the Board's Administrative Assistant, attended a state-sponsored Board of Health Certification Program. In addition, the Board has begun the process of establishing procedures for administering the Board itself, interacting cooperatively with other town bodies, and for applying for various permits and variances.

Finally, the Board has initiated the first of what is hoped to be a series of special projects designed to enhance public health and safety:

Child Safety Campaign: The Board sought donations from citizens and businesses to purchase reflective tape for all elementary school students. The tape will help to ensure the safety of these youngsters as they walk to and from their various activities during dusk.

Grant for Septic System Repairs and Community Education Program: The Board applied for and received a \$20,000 grant from the Department of Environmental Protection. The funds will be used to establish priorities and procedures for implementing a \$200,000 revolving low interest loan

program for septic system repairs, and to develop a program to educate Sharon homeowners in the proper care of septic systems.

Residential Kitchen Permits: Recognizing an important public health issue, the Board launched a mini public information campaign about the importance of obtaining a permit prior to preparing and selling "nonpotentially hazardous foods" such as baked goods, confectioneries, jams and jellies out of a residence, and the fact that, in the interest of protecting public health, state law prohibits the preparation of foods that involve acidification, hot fill, thermal processing in hermetically sealed containers, vacuum packaging, and curing/smoking for sale from the home.

Permits and licenses are issued by the Board of Health for the following: keeping of animals; caterers; manufacture and sale of ice cream; lodging houses; pasteurization and/or sale of milk; motels; camps; operation of retail food establishments; food service establishments; residential kitchen permits; tanning salons; temporary food service; semi-public pools; massage establishments and practioners; transportation of offal; dumpster permits; pesticide applicators; retail tobacco sales; underground storage of hazardous materials and regulated substances; well permits.

A Special Service Board, administered by the Health Department, is responsible for determining the eligibility of senior citizens and disabled persons (based upon income) for town-sponsored refuse collection. Forty-eight residents were approved for this service as of the end of 1996. The Department also issues temporary handicapped parking placards for Sharon residents (for use in Sharon). Eligibility is determined upon receipt of medical documentation.

The Department once again participated in various health-oriented projects, e.g., the annual American Cancer Society's "Daffodil Days" (with the assistance of Martha Lurie of the Sharon Assessor's office) and "Great American Smokeout". In addition, the Department continued its collaboration, begun in 1993, with the Norton-Mansfield-Sharon Tobacco Control Program (Easton, formerly a member of this program, dropped out in the fall of 1996). Linda Rosen serves as the Board's representative to the Tobacco Control Program Board. At year's end, the NMS Program hired Karen Anne Doucette as the new Program Coordinator. Gretchen Elliott continues as the NMS Health Educator.

The Department continued its involvement with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Community Health Network Area (CHNA), known as CASH, one of 27 CHNAs in the state organized in an effort

to increase the scope of agencies and individuals who actively cooperate in improving the health of people in their communities. The CHNA is a vehicle for the development of a partnership between communities and state agencies, which will enhance cooperation in their effort to develop a preventive, primary care health model in each community. The Greater Attleboro Community Health Network, including Attleboro, Foxborough, Mansfield, North Attleborough, Norton, Plainville, and Sharon, continued working on various health-related issues, including unintentional injury prevention. The Department assisted with the "Swing into Spring" program at Emerald Square Mall in March and with the Family Day at Great Woods in October.

The Department began a cooperative effort with the New England Sinai Hospital and Rehabilitation Center in Stoughton to attempt to address shared community health issues with surrounding towns.

Responsibilities of the Town Sanitarian in 1996 included the following: routine unannounced inspections of food service establishments, lodging house and motel facilities, retail food establishments, and catering facilities to ensure compliance with the State Sanitary Code; Sanitation audits of school cafeteria food service practices throughout the school year; weekly laboratory testing of all semi-public swimming pools and semi-weekly laboratory testing of all Lake Massapoag swimming areas from late May to September to insure safe public swimming; pre-season and mid-season inspections of all camps to insure continuation of proper sanitation standards; inspection of retail establishments selling tobacco products, as well as restaurants, motels, and lodging houses for compliance with the Board of Health Tobacco Regulation. In addition, all public health complaints made to the Department were thoroughly investigated and resolved.

New restaurants opening in town in 1996 included: Pizza Market and Restaurant; Casa Beirut; China Moon; and Pizzigando.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Public Health Nurse: Sheila Miller, RNC

Communicable diseases reported to the Board of Health in 1996 were:

Salmonella	5	Hepatitis C	1
Giardia Lamblia	4	Tuberculosis	1
Pertussis	3		

The Public Health Nursing Service of the Sharon Board of Health provided services to residents of the town as follows in 1996:

TOTAL VISITS	3683
Total # Office Visits	3475
# 65 years+ included	1898
# 85 years+ included	82
Total # Home Visits	208
# 65 years+ included	126
# 85 years+ included	55
HEALTH PROMOTION VISITS	2226
DISEASE CONTROL VISITS	446
MANTOUX TESTS (TUBERCULIN)	294
IMMUNIZATIONS	853
POSTPARTUM VISITS/CALLS	23
NEW ADMISSIONS	83
CLINICS PROVIDED (Various Locations - Out of Office):	
Blood Sugar Clinics-Sr.Citizens	318
Blood Pressure Clinics-Sr.Citizen	370
Flu Injection Clinics	1560
(# 65 years+ included in flu clinics	613)
Pneumonia Injection Clinics	73

Sheila Miller, RNC, continues in the 25 hour/week position of Public Health Nurse for the town of Sharon. Linda Beadle, R.N., provides assistance at monthly senior citizen clinics as well as on an ongoing basis, both in and out of the office, as our second public health nurse.

The Department provides daily blood pressure/blood sugar clinics, as well as the monthly senior citizen clinics. In addition, TB screening, immunizations, nutrition and weight control education, as well as monthly home visits are conducted. The Nursing Department is actively involved with the School Department Nursing Staff, sharing information regarding immunizations and communicable diseases. The nurses also assisted with TB testing and immunizations for campers and staff. In addition, Sheila Miller met with area camp directors to review campers' and staff health records. Coordination with the Council on Aging and other town departments continues.

Town employee health screenings were again held in June and July, with positive responses from all departments...cholesterol screening was provided, in addition to blood pressure/blood sugar screenings. Sheila Miller also provided various lectures and slide programs to town employees as well as the community at large, e.g., on menopause issues. In addition, she presented a "Skinsaver" program at the high school.

Periodic cholesterol screenings continued in 1996. In addition, monthly evening hours for blood pressure screenings were held,

in an ongoing effort to reach younger residents (who are generally working or in school during daytime office hours). Both of these programs have been well received.

The Department again provided an evening blood pressure clinic, along with informational materials, in conjunction with a Recreation Department summer lakeside concert.

A major accomplishment in 1996 was the "Focus on Fitness and Health" Fair, held at the High School as part of Family Week. This was organized by Sheila Miller and presented a wide variety of informative health and fitness-related materials.

Another significant program instituted in 1996 was the provision of Hepatitis B vaccine, free of charge, to all 6th graders, on a voluntary basis. This program was made possible by the State Department of Public Health which began allocating the vaccine for this age group at no cost. Early in 1996 the vaccine (a series of three doses) was provided by the Health Department during office hours at Town Hall. Beginning in the fall of 1996, the program was expanded, with the cooperation of Meg Verrett and the elementary school nursing staff, and immunizations were provided at the three elementary schools.

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

Diane A. Malcolmson, Animal Control Officer
Jeremy Spender, Fill-in Officer
Denise Pascale, Fill-in Officer

In 1996, there were 1,556 dogs licensed in Sharon. The total amount of calls received during the year was 1,873. Three dog hearings were held before the Board of Selectmen and over 200 citations were issued for non-licensing of dogs or violation of the leash law.

The Duties of the Animal Control Department are varied. Its primary goal is to educate the residents on responsible pet ownership. Other informational services provided include: rabies concerns, wild animal information, and nuisance animal problems. Examples of other duties performed include the care and transport of sick and/or injured animals, complaint investigations, cruelty investigations, adoptions of dogs and cats, licensing, rabies clinics, capture and disposal of suspect rabid animals, Selectmen's hearings and court appearances.

The Annual Rabies Clinic was held on April, 6, 1996. The importance of a rabies vaccine for your pets cannot be stressed enough. This simple vaccine may be a life saver to your pet.

Dr. Clifford Goodband, administered vaccines to 79 dogs and 66 cats. This year the monies raised from the Clinic went to the Animal Assistance Fund. The Animal Assistance Fund was established in 1991 for the benefit of injured stray animals as well as for educational programs and spay/neuter assistance for adoptable animals. Many thanks go out to all who have donated to this fund in the past.

The successful performance of this Department could not be maintained without the support from Jeremy, and Denise, the Fill-in Animal Control Officers. The Fill-in Animal Control Officers provide emergency coverage on weekends and holidays to the Town. Thanks also goes out to the Sharon Police Department for their continued assistance in the field, and to the Police Dispatchers who assist with information on emergency calls.

SHARON ELDER AFFAIRS/COUNCIL ON AGING

Norma Simons Fitzgerald, MSW, LICSW, Executive Director

PART-TIME STAFF

Ellen Sosin, BSW, Social Services Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator (15 hrs/wk)*

Nancy Weiner, Administrative Assistant (26 hrs/wk)*

Victor Esterman, Mini-Bus Driver (21 hrs/wk)

(*positions partially funded through grants)

FUNDED BY OTHER SOURCES

Ruth Adjorlolo, Program Assistant (Senior Aide, 20 hrs/wk)

Helga Welland, Senior Case Aide (Senior Aide, 10 hrs/wk)

George Driscoll, Van Driver (grant funded, 19 hrs/wk)

Bess Kinsley, Richard Wasserman, Lee Watts, Sylvia Weiss--Volunteer Office Staff

COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEMBERS

Lillian Savage, Chair

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Susan Lubin

Saul Fingold

Paul Milner, Ph.D.

Esther Levy

Sylvia Silberman

During 1996, the Council on Aging continued to serve the growing population of 2,370 persons 60 and over, approximately 126 disabled persons, and about 480 younger persons. Intergenerational programs, information and referral, counseling, case management, transportation, senior center and lunch (site) programs were provided in addition to financial and/or other human service issues responded to as referred by other Town departments and community organizations and individuals. We continued to provide these services still with only one full-time staff member. In order to continue to maintain these and other programs and services and to develop new ones as we anticipate will be needed, we look forward to the support of the Town in increasing some of the staff hours in FY'98.

Yet the Council on Aging, with its dedicated staff and volunteers, grants from the Friends of the COA, United Way of Neponset Valley, United Way of Mass. Bay, Executive Office of Elder Affairs, and Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, is proud of the accomplishments achieved in 1996.

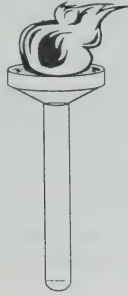
Highlights of this year include:

- Awarded three new grants
- Received \$134,000 worth of services from 159 volunteers, representing 10,273 hours
- Initiated series of strategic planning meetings for short and long-range planning, including open, public meetings
- Provided approximately 10,000 units of general information services and over 2,000 units of service of counseling, case management, referrals, and advocacy
- Provided about 4,728 bus trips (shopping, nutrition, local medicals, special events, Town Meeting, English classes), 2,031 van (& town car) trips (medicals, nursing home and hospital visits for spouses, errands), and approximately 624 medical trips using volunteers
- Obtained second dedicated town car, "retired" from another department, thus enabling more volunteers to provide medical transportation when their own cars are not available
- Received new lift-equipped medical van through 80/20 grant and provided training for staff and volunteers in safety techniques, CPR, and First Aid
- Distributed \$5,455 in FEMA grant funding to 58 persons in need
- Followed through to its establishment the HILP program (Home Improvement Loan Program), a low cost loan program for low and moderate income persons of any age for this region
- Initiated a regional support group for blind and visually impaired persons through Vision Foundation and SRS
- Initiated 22 new programs (up from 5 programs established in 1991) including monthly podiatry clinic, T'ai Chi, computer instruction, etc.
- During Family Week, sponsored world renowned speaker Dr. Bernard Lown, Nobel Peace Prize winner, as well as senior art exhibit
- Initiated plan for cooperative program/space exchange at Salvation Army Hillcrest Ctr.
- Coordinated Intergenerational Lakeside Ball with Recreation Dept., Feinstein Program
- Established TTY/TDD phone system for hearing impaired through EOTC grant

The Council wishes to thank all of our volunteers, Friends, Representative Kafka, Senator Keating, other departments, the Rotary, Feinstein Program, the "media," and others for all their help this year.

Lastly, among the seniors who will be missed is W. Rod Speirs, who was instrumental in establishing the COA as a department and the FSCOA, and James J. Leonard, who was always there when the town needed him.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT



David I. Clifton
Recreation Director

Assistant Recreation Director
Jack Connors

Athletic Supervisor
David Satter

Secretary
Maura J. Palm

Community Center Custodian
Paul Spender

Caretaker - Community
Center Property
Glen Peck

As we head toward the century's end, the year 1996 will be remembered as a time for making improvements to our local recreation facilities including Deborah Sampson Park, the Community Center, and both town beaches.

The mission of the Recreation Department is to organize and promote a year-round recreation program for residents of all ages, to utilize safe and playable recreation & athletic facilities, recruit & train volunteers, find other ways to fund special events and town-wide celebrations and continue to bring the community together to enjoy leisure time pursuits.

Many thanks to the Recreation Advisory Committee for all their support and special thanks to the hundreds of volunteers for all their time and efforts during 1996. The accomplishments didn't just

happen. They came because of the hard work of staff, volunteers, other town departments & committees, and of course, community-wide cooperation.

"Recreation Highlights of 1996"

(A) OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

Thousands of Sharon residents lined the streets in the center of town on June 15th to salute the 1996 torch carry relay on their way to Atlanta for the '96 Olympics. This was a once in a lifetime opportunity for local spectators to participate in a very patriotic event.

(B) NEW BOAT LAUNCHING DOCKS

The Town of Sharon boat launching ramp had a new look in 1996 with a set of docks installed in late June in order to accommodate boaters. The docks included three (3) 20' section of aluminum flotation units as well as (1) 15' ramp.

(C) COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

The Community Center building had some additional improvements made in 1996 and are listed as follows:

- Re-tiled lobby floor of the Community Center
- Installed new storm windows on the main floor of the Community Center
- Installed new fire alarm system
- Installed new lights in the lobby of the Community Center
- Completed study on Community Center heating system
- Painting, plumbing, electrical & carpentry work

(D) DEBORAH SAMPSON PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The annual town meeting appropriated \$125,000. to reconstruct (5) five ball diamonds at Deborah Sampson Park including sod infields, backstops, irrigation, new fencing and equipment purchases. This project will be completed by the spring of '97 and will become a model for future ball field improvements. Many thanks to the engineering department and the Sharon Youth Baseball Association for their assistance and input.

(E) GEESE CHASE

The chase was on during the summer of '96 in order to keep the geese off the town beaches. A dog named "Murphy" and the recreation staff patrolled the beaches prior to the official opening each day to scare the geese before they settled in.

(F) IMPROVEMENTS TO TOWN BEACHES

Both town beaches received some major improvements as a result of the erosion control grant. Many thanks to the Lake Management Committee, The Conservation Commission and the Town Engineer for their efforts during this improvement project.

- (G) INTERNSHIP - BRIDGEWATER STATE COLLEGE
Tom McCartney of Burlington, MA and a student at Bridgewater State College did his internship with the Recreation Department for a total of 15 weeks from January 22 through May 4th. Tom not only learned a lot about the recreation field, but he also made many contributions during his brief visit to Sharon.
- (H) SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD
Congratulations to Robert Carlson who received the recognition award at the 1996 Summer Lakeside Concert Series. This award is presented each summer by the Friends of the Lakeside Concert Series to a worthy recipient.
- (I) BEACH & BOAT STICKER SALES
(Summer of 1996)
Beach Stickers - \$30,790.
Beach Tags - \$6,524.
Resident Boat Stickers - \$3,405.
Non-Resident Boat Stickers - \$4,015.
Community Center Beach Permits - \$4,158.
- (J) BINGO GAMES
Temple Adath did not renew their agreement with the town in 1996 for use of the Community Center facility for weekly bingo games.
- (K) STORM DAMAGE
The Community Center picnic area received some serious damage in April after a violent electric storm at the Community Center property. Loss of electricity, fallen trees and a damaged fire alarm system canceled activities for two days at the Community Center.
- (L) TASK FORCE
A new task force was organized in August of '96 for the purpose of reviewing and visiting all outdoor athletic and recreation facilities in the Town of Sharon in order to see if we were getting maximum use of all these facilities. This task force included recreation, school, and community groups, as well as town officials. A cooperative effort will provide an appropriate plan for the future.
- (M) FAMILY WEEK '96
Approximately 10,000 participants enjoyed Family Week '96 sponsored by the Sharon Community Youth Coalition (some of these participants represented duplicated numbers). Family Week took place from October 12-20, 1996 and is considered a very unique Sharon celebration which is held every two years. Residents of all ages enjoyed the following activities: family fun festival, mystery ride, art festival, open-house, playground art monument, bon-fire, carnival, barbecue, 50's dance, fitness & health fair, owl walk, historic bus tour & talent show. Unfortunately, the parade was rained out on October 20th. Thank you to the Family Week Committee.

(N) FIRST NIGHT '97

The second annual First Night celebration took place on December 31st (the coldest day of the year). The most popular events were indoor activities which included about 100 entertainers at 11 different venues. The cultural arts took center stage and became the life of the community as residents joined together to bring in the New Year. Many thanks to the Sharon First Night Committee for coordinating the celebration and the sponsors and button buyers for supporting this town-wide event.

(O) POPULAR SUMMER LAKESIDE CONCERT SERIES

The 1996 Summer Concert Series held during July & August cost \$6,500 and recorded about 5,500 spectators. A total of 7 concerts took place every Wednesday evening at the Memorial Park Beach Bandstand. Many thanks to all the sponsors of each concert, as well as the Friends of the Lakeside Concert Series for their organizational work.

(P) YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAM

Heavy participation continued to take place in the Recreation Department youth sports programs, such as youth basketball, youth baseball/softball & youth soccer. Hundreds of volunteers gave their time in 1996 as coaches, coordinators, & officials to work with about 3,000 young people.

(Q) COOPERATION

During 1996, the Recreation Department cooperated with many groups and organizations in the community involved in coordinating recreation programs or events. The Recreation Department does not necessarily have to sponsor every activity in the town, but can provide some assistance or cooperation.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Michael Ginsberg, Chairperson

Larry Finkelman
Marjorie Frye
Louis Kafka

Mitch Blaustein
Ben Puritz
Patrick Terry

The Recreation Advisory Committee met on fifteen different occasions during 1996 in order to provide assistance and guidance to the professional staff in achieving its recreational goals and objectives. The committee is very proud of the community-wide involvement over the last 12 months, especially the hard work and efforts of the staff, as well as hundreds of volunteers.

Much was accomplished in 1996, particularly in the area of facility improvements. Some of those improvements are as follows:

- Field improvements at Deborah Sampson Park
- Building improvements at the Community Center

- New irrigation system at Deborah Sampson Park
- Erosion control at both town beaches
- New docks at town boat launching ramp
- Repairs to the Memorial Park Beach building
- Fencing at the Community Center Beach
- Lighting at the Deborah Sampson Park skating area
- Handicapped ramp at the Community Center Beach (Lake Management grant)
- New fire alarm system (Community Center)
- Community Monument at the Griffin Playground (New Friends of the Playground)
- New signage at recreation sites

Constant program changes also take place each year in order to meet the needs of the people.

Special thanks to Recreation Committee member Corrine Hershman for her active participation over the years. She was the Sharon School Committee's representative on the Recreation Advisory Committee.

The mission of the Recreation Advisory Committee is to advance recreation, parks and environmental conservation efforts that enhance the quality of life for the residents of Sharon.

Our vision as we near the year 2000 is a strategic plan for the future.

SHARON CIVIL DEFENSE

Bernard M. Rosenberg----- Director
 Michael I. Polimer-----Deputy Director
 Michael Corman -----Deputy Director

Fortunately in the 1995/1996 physical year Sharon Civil Defense was not called upon to provide any emergency assistance to any of the other Town departments or residents as no major natural disasters occurred. This lull in activity enabled us to continue our ongoing maintenance and construction projects.

We did however continue to supply electric power and safety lighting for Sharon's Fourth of July, Family Week, and First Night celebrations, which provide good training exercises for both our personnel and equipment.

The 1996/1997 First Night exercise was undertaken in bone and equipment chilling single digit temperatures and provided valuable lessons in operations under extreme cold conditions. As a result of this experience, several standard operating procedures as well some equipment have been revised and updated.

Work on the four-wheel drive utility body truck we inherited from the DPW nears completion. The entirely rusted cab and bed floors have been replaced. The side storage boxes have been patched so that they are useable to hold equipment and the 5kw generator and electrical system have been installed in the truck bed. Although more work is necessary to finish this project, the vehicle was used in the 96/97 First Night exercise with good results. It will become a very valuable asset to the Town once it is completed.

Civil Defense is an all-volunteer organization which meets every Monday night in their Headquarters Office and Garage behind the Police Station at 7:30 and new volunteers are always welcome to come and participate in any or all of our ongoing projects and activities.

SHARON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Margaret Arguimbau, Chairman
Donna Hall-Leff
Peter Granoff
Carol Toth
Gregory Meister, Officer

Robin Goodband
Hank Langstroth
Patrick Dorcus
Diane Malcolmson, Secretary

"Conservation is a state of harmony between man and the land." Aldo Leopold

The Conservation Commission held 28 hearings: 17 for Notices of Intent, 7 for Requests for Determination of Applicability and 4 for informational hearings.

The early part of the year saw two high school boys become very involved with the Commission's activities. Senior, Joel Miller, organized information regarding the possibility of using recycled waste oil for heating. This was done as a Community Service Learning Project which integrated third graders, the Conservation Commission and Joel toward this effort. Although we have yet to actually adopt such a program, this project was very successful and a fine example of the benefits to having the Community Service Learning Program at the High School. Rob Lariviere took on an Eagle Scout project involving the reclaiming and establishment of the trail access to small public areas around Gavin's Pond. The Commission is grateful for his efforts and hard work and is very pleased with the results.

Irving Post was chosen to represent Sharon in the Neponset River Basin Initiative. He has attended many meetings and is enthusiastic to see this project through. As part of the initiative, Sharon Teams have been formed to inventory our streams for point source pollution. Our contributory streams to the Neponset River are: Massapoag Brook, Devil's Brook, and Traphole Brook. Lake Massapoag is of great concern to the initiative and fortunately, the Lake Level Management Policy was instrumental in the lake's excellent water conditions.

Much of the remaining work in the Lake Management Erosion Control Plan was finished, not without much disagreement. The Commission believes the finished project will indeed be beneficial to both the Lake and its users. At summer's end, underwater spheres and old Christmas trees were placed at various locations in the lake with the hopes of encouraging algae growth and creating shelter areas for smaller fish. By the end of fall, it appeared the objects were serving their purpose. People from the state were very pleased, both with the structures and with the quality of this particular body of water.

In other areas, Alice Cheyer volunteered to put together a short memo for all commission members regarding discussion's for up-coming meetings. At some point, this could become a newsletter-type mailing, but at present it is an important service to the Commission. In our attempts to rejuvenate the Friends of Conservation, we held the Family Week Trail Walk on the Griffin land. The new sign was in place and Pat Dorcus, also Director of Moose Hill Sanctuary, led a very informative walk from Norwood Street through to the Moose Hill Sanctuary parking area. All there in attendance marveled at the landscape and were all in agreement as to the wisdom of having preserved that property.

We also managed to preserve other parcels in town by:

- Purchase of a 15 acre parcel off Mansfield Street and a 1/2 acre piece near the Morse Cranberry bogs off South Walpole Street from the Estate of Michael Parcella.
- Placed a conservation restriction on portions of parcels on Tracey Lane from Intoccia Construction Co.
- Received a donation of perhaps our largest conservation restriction to date on 187± acres of Kendall land on Moose Hill Street.
- Received a donation of a 10 acre parcel (including Dry Pond) and a 2-1/2 acre parcel off of Hickory Way from Mark W. Iverson.
- Donation of a 2 acre parcel adjacent to Borderland State Park from Tanglewood Homes, Inc.

At the Annual Town Meeting we also received permission to give Historic Designation to portions of the original Old Post Road. This may help us in future efforts to preserve that area's character. Throughout the year negotiations continued with land owners for ways to preserve remaining targeted parcels, as outlined in the Open Space Plan. Progress is slow but hopefully positive.

There was an effort undertaken by the DPW Water Division to search for new well sites in town. This issue of the quality of groundwater and our drinking water supply came to focus during many project discussions. It is our belief that the greater the number of people aware of the importance of protecting our water supply, the broader will be the base of understanding for the functions we, as a Commission, perform.

The Commission is grateful to the Fortnightly club for their generous gift of engraving on a large rock trail marker at the beginning of the Massapoag Trail. It is located just off the Pond Street rotary across from the Lake.

We would also like to thank Donna Hall-Leff for her eight years of service to the Commission. She was a valued member in many respects; her willingness to give untold hours for the Town's benefit, her support of conservation projects and goals, her talent as a cartographer, and her alternative approach to mosquito control (bats!). We wish her the best in her new position of employment and hopefully her replacement will demonstrate the commitment and enthusiasm she did toward conservation issues.

Our year would not have been as productive and successful were it not for the support of the townspeople. We are well aware of that, and are grateful for your past support. It is our sincere hope that you will believe us to be as deserving of it in our future endeavors.

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Another year has hurriedly passed all of us by but not without noticeable change at the Sharon Public Library. Technology plays an increasingly vital role in the public services that our library offers. Responding to the needs of the library users and benefitting from a state grant, the Library was able to add a second Internet workstation allowing greater accessibility to the World Wide Web and electronic mail. Likewise, the reliance upon CD-ROM resources to provide reference/research assistance has prompted the Reference Department to acquire an additional

stand-alone CD-ROM workstation along with a subscription to an excellent magazine index which includes many full-text titles.

Cramped for space in many areas of the Library, we have made an attempt to create more open, inviting and comfortable spaces for our patrons. The area adjacent to the adult circulation desk has been opened up and a seating area created so that readers can sit, browse and enjoy the new book section. Likewise, the magazine and newspaper reading area has been re-arranged for added comfort. Finally, the magazine and newspaper collection has been evaluated with more popular titles added such as *Investor's Business Daily*, *USA Today*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and *The Economist*.

In order to make the after-hours book drops accessible to all Sharon residents, the Library installed new book and audio/visual depositories at the High Street entrance. Library users can now return all materials to the library even when it's closed. The fine work and craftsmanship were donated to the Library by Sharon resident Steve Archer of Archer Carpentry.

The Friends of the Sharon Public Library, ably co-chaired by Pat Olken and Nancy Bass, supported many programs this past year, including an author/actress series which saw Amelia Earhart, Emily Dickinson, and Louisa May Alcott visit the library and a Chinese New Year festival. In addition, the Friends also provided new window shades for the front windows, a new CD-ROM workstation for the reference department, new soft toys and furniture for the children's room, and funds targeted for children's books, large-print books, and a CD rack for the music section of the library. Our hats are off to this fantastic group for a mission accomplished....again and again!

In addition to regular staff efforts, volunteers were important at the Library. The Library held its first annual Volunteer Appreciation party where the merits of all volunteers, past and present, were recognized. The Library's volunteers were treated to good food and entertainment by an actor reprising the life of Teddy Roosevelt. Among other volunteer efforts, Ilse Marks completed an historical documents project and has been maintaining an on-going food drive basket for the Sharon/Stoughton Food Pantry. Dickey Goodyear has continued on as the Library's sole book-mender and Bernice Levine has been gracious enough to assist the Library in filing loose-leaf services for the reference department. The Library is always looking for a few good volunteers. Anyone interested? Call or stop in!

As in years past, the Trustees focused on their responsibilities of dealing with Library priorities, policies, personnel issues, and medium- and long-range goals and objectives. Working closely with the Director, the Trustees continually re-evaluated many of these items, recognizing that change is a major factor in managing any organization in the 1990s. And as in past years, the Trustees appreciate the strong support that Town residents have given to the Sharon Public Library.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Paul R. Bergeron, Director

Financial aid and or counsel was given by the Veterans' Agent to Sharon resident veterans who had a need and met the Commonwealth of Massachusetts guidelines. Arrangements were made with other agencies for those who did not meet the state criteria.

Veterans and or their family members were provided Veteran Services consisting of information, referral and advice as well as aid in preparation of applications for veteran entitlements. The service was oriented toward the goal of receiving veterans benefits offered by the state and federal government. The applications consisted of one or a combination of entitlements related to medical care, hospitalization, insurance, burial allowance, grave markers, educational opportunities, home loans, pensions, correction of military records and other veteran benefits.

The Veterans Advisory column in the Sharon Advocate was continued. The purpose of the articles was to inform veterans and the community of veterans' issues and activities.

Memorial Day activities were held the Sunday prior to Memorial Day and will continue to be held on that day in the future. The activities consisted of a grave site service held at Rock Ridge Cemetery and a civic ceremony conducted in front of the Town Hall. Prior to the civic ceremony, there was a short parade through the center of Sharon.

The Sharon Combined Veterans Council assisted in the Memorial Day activities. A float had been arranged for Family Week. It was not displayed due to the cancellation of the parade because of inclement weather.

A Flag Day Ceremony was performed the evening of June 14, 1996 at Town Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was lead by Sharon Girl Scouts. In addition, students from the elementary and middle schools performed patriotic songs. The color bearers of the Middle School raised and lowered the United States Flag to open and close the event.

Funeral details were provided during the year for deceased veterans upon the request of their families.

Each of the six Sharon Veteran Organizations participated in every event or ceremony mentioned above.

VETERANS GRAVES

Paul R. Bergeron, Veterans' Graves Officer

Veteran Grave sites were visited during the year. For Memorial Day a flower plant was placed at each veteran's grave. Throughout the year a small United States Flag was flown over each veteran grave located at Rock Ridge and Town of Sharon Cemeteries.

Maintenance of the various Town of Sharon cemetery grounds was the responsibility of the Sharon Department of Public Works. The Rock Ridge Cemetery was maintained in an excellent manner by the grounds staff of the Rock Ridge Cemetery Association.

The placement of flowers and replacement of the United States Flags was accomplished by volunteers from the Sharon American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Auxiliary, Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sons of the American Legion, Boy and Girl Scouts. Various individuals who were not veterans also participated.

The Sharon Jewish War Veterans coordinated with the Sharon Memorial Cemetery staff for placement of United States Flags at the veteran grave sites in the Park for Memorial Day.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Barbara Zamcheck, Chair
Mitchell Blaustein, Vice-Chair
Carole Davis, Secretary
Robert Berish
Susan Freid
Linda Laurie

Thomas M. LaGrasta, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Cecilia M. DiBella, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Eric Fireman, Student Representative

MISSION STATEMENT

The Sharon Public Schools, in partnership with the community, has as its mission the responsibility to prepare students to live in a rapidly changing society. Together, we will provide an environment that maximizes the student's academic, artistic, social, emotional, and physical development. This atmosphere will encourage each individual to develop the skills and sensitivity for living effectively and responsibly.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The major emphasis this year has been on a comprehensive review of our curriculum in order that our goals and objectives are consistent with the Common Core of Learning and Curriculum Frameworks, which have been adopted by the Massachusetts Board of Education. The new requirements that all elementary students receive direct instruction in core subjects for 900 hours per year, and that secondary students receive direct instruction for 990 hours, have resulted in some changes at all schools. Early release days have been eliminated at Sharon Middle School and Sharon High School, while at the elementary schools, there will be four scheduled half-days for parent conferences. At Sharon High School, block scheduling has been implemented, in which students receive instruction in major subjects for longer periods of time on an every other day basis. A major subject meets for four days in a six day cycle; two 90 minute periods and two 75 minute periods.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

At the Annual Town Meeting in May, 1996, the voters approved the following capital projects:

Upgrading heating system at Cottage Street School	\$400,000
Install new playground equipment at Cottage Street School	100,000
Replace student furniture at East Elementary and Cottage Street Schools	8,000
Renovate lavatories at Sharon Middle School	10,000
Remodel lecture hall at Sharon High School into small group instructional areas	45,000
Replace library furniture and science equipment at Sharon High School	26,465
Implement Phase V of Technology Plan systemwide	152,800
Implement Phase III of ADA Compliance Plan	20,000

HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION PROJECT

After two years of deliberations, the High School Expansion Committee, which was comprised of members of the Sharon School Committee, administrators, coordinators, parents, and community members presented to the voters at the Annual Town Meeting in May, 1996, a proposal for the renovation and construction of needed classrooms and a library media center. The voters authorized the expenditure of \$6,600,000 for this project. In addition, a Building Committee was established to oversee the implementation of the project. Based upon code issues related to Sharon High School, and additional requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Education, the scope of the High School Expansion Project expanded. The cost for the existing project, and the new requirements was estimated to be \$ 12,900,000, of which two-thirds would be reimbursed by the Massachusetts Department of Education. The Building Committee and Sharon School Committee requested a special town meeting during the 1996-1997 school year to seek the additional funding.

CHANGES IN SCHOOL PERSONNEL

George Anthony, Assistant Principal at Sharon High School, resigned to assume the principalship at Uxbridge High School. Dudley Davenport, Coordinator of Athletics, Physical Education, and Transportation, Martha Flanagan, elementary teacher at the Cottage Street School, and Edward Roach, maintenance foreman, retired. Each of these staff members greatly contributed to the success of the Sharon Public Schools.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the indicators provided to the public by the Massachusetts Department of Education, the Sharon Public Schools continues to provide a quality education to its students at a per pupil cost below the state average, and comparable communities. This is due in large part to the support of the community, the parent organizations, and the commitment of the staff. There is a great deal to be proud of in the Sharon Public Schools. All of us need to focus on the positive accomplishments of our students, while working to resolve, together, our differences in order to maintain excellence in our school system.

The future will bring with it a number of challenges to be overcome. Our school system is experiencing unprecedented growth in enrollment at all levels. Since the 1991-1992 school year, the number of new students has increased by 21 % . Conversely, the financial resources of the town of Sharon have not grown at a similar rate, and the Department of Education has placed new demands on our school system without additional funding, as a result of the Education Reform Act. It is doubtful we will be able to maintain a level of excellence we have been accustomed to without increased funding by either the town or the state.

DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

James E. Mathews, Sealer

Every business establishment within the town using weighing or measuring devices for buying or selling of commodities, or prepackaged goods put up for sale was visited, the devices being used were inspected for accuracy, adjusted when necessary to bring them within acceptable tolerances, and sealed.

Every request to inspect, seal, or adjust new or used weighing or measuring equipment was responded to, and a report on the services rendered was filed.

All reports that are required by the Massachusetts General Laws were completed, and filed with the Division of Standards.

A total of 130 weighing or measuring devices were sealed during the year that were being used by merchants for the sale of goods or commodities within the town. Inspections of meters, scales, and prepackaged goods totaling 103 were made and all fees collected were turned in to the Town Treasurer.

BORDERLAND STATE PARK ADVISORY COUNCIL

Jean Santos, Sharon Representative

BORDERLAND STATE PARK is one of Sharon's richest resources and its popularity with citizens of all ages and interests increases every year. Estimated attendance is now over 150,000 each year, as compared with about 50,000 in 1980.

The most notable achievement during the past year was the reconstruction, drainage, paving, and marking of the driveway and parking area, which now accommodates 250 cars. This project was pushed by the Council with considerable help from state representatives and senators. The job was approved, funded and completed in record time, and has been widely praised.

Dozens of organized activities were held during every season of the past year. For children, special programs were held to teach ecology, insect lore, fishing, bird identification, skiing and even good manners (at a tea party). Ellenor Yahrmarkt, Visitors' Service Supervisor, received a special citation from the DEM for her children's programs. Mansion tours were held monthly. For adults, there were dances, concerts, and a Teachers' Workshop. Hikes, birdwalks, history rambles, star-gazing and out-door musicales were for all.

All Sharon fourth-graders toured the mansion in a program co-sponsored by the Sharon Historical Society.

Questions concerning the park or its activities may be addressed to Supt. Bob Babineau at 508-238- 6566 or to the Sharon representative at 784-5835.

CABLE TV OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Margaret H. Bynoe, Chair

During Calendar Year 1996 there were about 4,432 Sharon Cable TV Subscribers who paid approximately \$2,035,034 to Cablevision Industries (CVI). CVI was purchased by Time Warner Cable on January 4, 1996. The Oversight Committee met six times to discuss trends in cable, service, programming and future plans for expansion in fiber optics which would allow for additional programming. The Committee was led by Norman Morris who gave up the Chair to become active on the relicensing process. The relicensing will take place in April 1998.

The following programming changes were made in 1996:

- Dropped WOR in favor of WNDS a Must Carry Station. WOR came off the Satellite and is no longer available as a superstation.

- Added MSNBC: a Microsoft and NBC station.

Moved Sports Channel over to Program Tier I - with the exception of the Boston Celtics and Hartford Whaler Games.

CVI continued to be active in the Community.

CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

South Easton, MA

Members from Sharon

Gregory Meister

David Masciarelli

Patrick Dorcus

The Canoe River Aquifer Advisory Committee conducted 11 monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month between 1 :00 p.m. to 3 :00 p.m in the Towns of Sharon, Foxborough, Mansfield, Easton, and Norton. During the year presentations were made to the Committee by:

Peter Coffin of the University of Massachusetts Co-operative Extension Service presented a video on maintaining septic systems.

Kathy Romero of the D.E.P. Water Supply gave a slide presentation discussing water supply protection issues.

Jeff Hanson of Bluestone Energy Services Inc. gave a slide presentation of the proposed desalinization plant to be built along the Taunton River.

Martha White, Easton's Grant Writer, spoke to the Committee about possible grant opportunities for the Committee.

John Post from the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife and Co-Chair of the Taunton River Basin Team spoke to the Committee on the history of the Watershed Initiative.

Leonard Flynn is Chair of a subcommittee to develop a Greenbelt along the Canoe River. Letters have been sent to the Conservation Commissions in each community to assist us with this project. Grants have been applied for (with the help of Martha White from Easton) and maps are being prepared to delineate parcels abutting the River.

Rob Hurst of Mansfield has put in many hours developing a video presentation for the Committee to use on local cable networks.

A Shoreline Training Seminar was held on April 10, 1996 at the Martin Institute, Stonehill College, presented by Joan Kimball, (Adopt-A-Stream Co-ordinator) of the Mass. Department of Fisheries, Wildlife & Environmental Law Enforcement. Teams were formed by 21 volunteers and they surveyed the entire Canoe River.

On May 11, 1996, the Ninth Annual Canoe River Awareness Day was held in conjunction with the Norton Water Department Open House at their new Pumping Station on Plain street in Norton. Dan Callahan, Norton Water Superintendent, gave a tour of his new facility. The Norton Board of Selectman presented the Committee with a Proclamation.

Presentations were made by the Norton Water & Sewer Commission.

Speakers included: State Senator William Keating; State Representative Barbara Hyland; Joan Kimball, Adopt-A-Stream Co-ordinator; and reports from the Shoreline Survey Teams.

Plans were made to hold the 10th Annual Canoe River Awareness Day on May 17, 1997 at the Mansfield Fish & Game Club and to invite all former members and officials that have helped the Committee over the past ten years.

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

Ralph Bellis, Chairman

Shirley Brownstein, David I. Clifton, Florence Finkel, Sonya Noah, Robert Nichols,
Donna Ring, Sidney J. Rosenthal, Robert Sondheim

During 1996 your Commission continued its work to insure that the disabled community of Sharon continued to be protected by the Americans With Disabilities Act. In that regard, several projects are in progress or have been completed.

1. The Commission has continued the spirit of cooperation with the Commissions of Canton and Stoughton. The chairpersons of these Commissions have attended several meetings of the Sharon Commission to discuss issues that are common to all disabled residents of the Tritown area. In the Spring the Sharon Commission joined with the Stoughton Commission in hosting a regional meeting of the Commissions of the various towns in the South Shore area. In the fall members of the Sharon Commission attended a regional meeting hosted by the Canton Commission, and another hosted by the Quincy Commission. The exchange of ideas during these regional meetings has become a valuable resource for your Commission.

2. The accessibility problems with the movie theaters at Shaw's Plaza were finally resolved with the installation of electric doors in the rest rooms. The lack of assistive listening devices in the theaters is a recent problem the Commission hopes to resolve without delay.

3. The situation at the railroad station continues to be problematic. The MBTA has planned a long wheelchair ramp to pass over the tracks allowing access to each side. The Commissions finds this solution unsatisfactory and will endeavor to get the MBTA to implement a different solution as the station is refurbished.

4. Commission members with cameras will continue to monitor the handicap parking spaces throughout the town.

5. Inspections of several restaurants were conducted throughout the town with recommendations made to help bring those establishments into compliance with the A.D.A. and regulations of the Massachusetts Architectural Board. Commitments to a timetable as to when renovations will be started were received from the ones found lacking.

6. The new professional building at Cobb's Corner as well as the new Temple Israel were inspected and have been found to meet the requirements of the A.D.A. and/or the Massachusetts Architectural Board.

7. The Public Housing unit on Pleasant Street was inspected. A list of needed changes is being drawn up to be submitted to Town officials.

8. The Clerks Office will have its TTY apparatus on line very shortly.

9. The Commission has been holding its meetings in the Community Center meeting room. While this arrangement has sufficed, it has become apparent that an office to house it's burgeoning files and other paraphernalia is necessary. To that end, a search has been conducted throughout the Town buildings with an accessible room at the Community Center becoming the most likely office.

10. As the physical alterations to the various public buildings throughout the Town are completed, the focus of the Commission has shifted to the individual problems of the disabled community in Sharon. Several times during the course of the past year the Commission has been called upon to help resolve difficult situations involving the disabled.

11. Mobility and/or physical problems are the most obvious but the Commission is not unaware that there are myriad other types of disabilities that fall within its purview.

12. The Commission participated in Family Week.

13. The Ride now comes to Sharon as a direct result of action by Commission members.

14. An ongoing dialogue with the School Administration is being held to insure that the schedule of changes *vis a vis* the A.D.A. regulations is being met. Inspection by the Commission of the East and Cottage Street Elementary Schools will be carried out in the future. Additionally, the Commission will insure that as the High School expansion project proceeds, the entire building will meet the A.D.A. requirements.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Janis Edinburgh, Chair
Paul Bouton, Vice Chair
Lee B. Wernick, Vice Chair
Michael Cope, Clerk

Paul Bergeron	Raymond Kubiak
Marc Bluestein	Holly Lite
Lina Bromberg	Daniel Sirkin
Thomas Gillen	Colleen Tuck

In preparation for Town Meetings, The Finance Committee reviews the finances and budgets of the Town agencies and departments and is charged with holding public hearings reviewing Warrant Articles. At the Town Meetings the Finance Committee issues its recommendations, which are distributed in advance in the Town Warrant. The Finance Committee makes the initial motion on each Article along with the reasons for such motion.

In addition to Town Meeting and financial oversight responsibilities, the Finance Committee performs several other important functions. The Committee manages departmental requests for emergency transfers of money from the Town's Reserve Fund. The Committee has responsibility for the budgets of the Library, Town Clerk, Planning Board, Conservation Commission and other selected departments and boards that come under its purview.

The Committee, through its liaison system and its membership on other Town Committees (Capital Outlay and Priorities), remains in contact with all operational departments and committees of the Town but is not involved in personnel management, license issuances, or day to day management of the Town.

We invite all members of the public to attend our meetings. Meeting times, agendas and locations are posted in Town Hall and are listed on Cable Channel 6. Your participation can make a difference.

HISTORIC COMMISSION AND
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

M. N. Leventhal, Chairman

- (1) Had enacted by the town a Demolition Delay Ordinance that is currently in effect.
- (2) Completed work on a video production entitled, "A Visit With Chandler Jones At Cobb 's Tavern."
- (3) Completed work, subject to editing and adjusting of content, of a color slide history of the town.
- (4) Work continues on housing inventory, 1860 to 1940.

SHARON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Irene Scott, Chairperson
Ray Wallace, Vice-Chairperson
Jack Connors, Secretary
Deborah Markson, State Appointee & Treasurer
Arnold Kublin, Assistant Treasurer
Jane Desberg, Executive Director
Sheila Sheer, Administrative Assistant
Stanley Preibis, Maintenance Supervisor
George Allen, Maintenance

The Sharon Housing Authority is dedicated to providing rental housing to persons of low income, principally for the residents of Sharon. The Authority now provides eighty-eight apartments for seniors and disabled citizens at the Hixson Farm Road complex, six apartments for families at the former Pleasant Street School, and a residential facility on Bay Road which is leased to the May Center for eight autistic children. The Authority also applied for and received six Alternative Housing Vouchers. This is a newly created rental assistance program in the form of transitional vouchers that provides a housing option for non-elderly disabled persons. The Authority continues to try to meet the needs of its applicant's for whom conventional housing is beyond their reach.

As financial demands continue to pressure both the town and its residents, we would like to mention that our funding does not come from Town revenue, but the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We would like to acknowledge with gratitude the generous donations of land that the people of Sharon have made to the Housing Authority through the Town Meeting process. Also, special thanks to the Friends of the Council on Aging, The Sharon Garden Club, The Sharon Community Band and the many residents of Sharon for their contributions throughout the year (especially books for the Hixson Farm library.)

At the beginning of the year the Authority adopted new regulations as they pertain to Eligibility in State-Aided Public Housing and Standard Procedures for Tenant Selection and Tenant Transfer. Review and consolidation of other regulations are being reviewed by the governing agency, The Department of Housing and Community Development. The Authority adopted a Sexual Harassment Policy. In October the family housing waiting list was reopened.

The Authority received funding to replace the fire alarm panel protecting sixty-four units and the septic system for the same complex. Also, funds for a lead paint abatement project at the family housing were secured. The latter two projects will be completed in 1997. Much of the maintenance budget and manpower was used to contend with the severe weather conditions during the winter months.

The Authority continues to be the meal site for HESSCO on Mondays and Wednesdays. Weekly bingo and a social hour follow lunch on Mondays. The Ethnic American Broadcast Company is expanding its service to reach more of our residents. English as a Second Language courses are held three times per week at the Community Building for residents and the community-at-large.

As the 1996 year came to a close, the Sharon Housing Authority ended with 100% tenancy.

LAKE MANAGEMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

Members: Cliff Towner, Chair Michael Baglino, Vice-Chair Nicole M. Cromwell, Clerk David Deitz
Walter Newman, Richard Kramer

The Lake Management Committee continued its progress toward maintaining and restoring the water quality of Lake Massapoag. In 1996 the Committee held eleven regular monthly meetings, one public hearing, one meeting with the Massapoag Yacht Club, four meetings with Board of Selectmen and three meetings with the Conservation Commission. We will continue our effort to reach out to lake users and other groups interested in the management of Lake Massapoag.

Clean Lakes Grant:

Significant changes at the lakefront beaches to control erosion happened during 1996. These improvements were paid for through a Clean Lakes Grant to the town with a small match provided by the Town. About 10% of the work is yet to be completed and will be done before the 1997 summer recreation season begins. This project should produce significant benefits for the water quality of the Lake.

The committee is also completing the installation of continuous monitoring instruments in the flume house at the boat launch area. The monitors will provide water temperature, flow measurement and current weather information. This information will be transmitted to a computer base in the bathhouse. The information can then be accessed on site or by dialing in via modem from another computer base. The committee anticipates this project will be completed in early spring 1997.

Last spring a new control gate was installed in the flume house to control the flow of water out of the Lake. This has greatly improved our ability to effectively manage the daily lake level.

Lake Level Management:

The committee made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen in January 1997 based on several committee meetings and a public hearing held in December, 1996 to discuss the past season's experience. We have recommended that no changes in the existing lake level schedules and procedures be made. The current program allows the lake level to be managed on a daily basis according to prevailing weather (temperature, wind, rain, hurricanes, etc.) and water quality. The summer of 1996 we experienced two hurricanes, the rainiest July in 55 years and very dry conditions in August.

Lake Water Quality Monitoring:

The committee completed its eighth consecutive year of lake water quality monitoring in 1996. Our tests results show a consistent improvement trend since 1992. Water clarity as well as dissolved oxygen levels demonstrated some improvement over 1995.

Other Activity:

The committee helped organize and support the installation of 15 artificial fish habitat structures provided by the Massachusetts Department of Fish & Game. Monitoring of the structures shows good use by young fish and have provided protection from the larger predatory fish in the Lake. Under water video was taken as part of this monitoring. This footage is being edited and compiled by Sharon Cable TV and will be broadcast.

The Army Corps of Engineers, as part of the Neponset River watershed initiative, installed water quality monitoring equipment in the flume house. Preliminary reports indicate that they found the water quality of the Lake to be very high compared to other lakes and ponds in the Neponset River basin.

The committee will continue to look for input and assistance from lake users and interested town residents. The committee wants to extend its thanks to everyone who has participated in our meetings and especially to Bob Vey, the Town Engineer, and his staff for all their work on the Clean Lakes Grant projects. In addition, the committee thanks the hard work and dedication of Greg Meister, Conservation Officer and Lake Level Manager and the entire Department of Public Works staff for all their help on the artificial fish structures, the lake outlet monitoring equipment installation and other efforts throughout the year. The Committee also appreciates the support of Ben Puritz, the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMAN'S DESIGNEE TO MBTA ADVISORY BOARD

George B. Bailey

The Advisory Board must concern itself with both the pocketbooks of its constituent cities and towns and their citizen's need for safe and effective transportation. When Authority bottom lines appear under control, the Advisory Board needs to look carefully at preventive maintenance reductions since deferred expenses could result in major equipment failures in later years. Service performance must also be monitored closely under these circumstances. The Authority's efforts to contain MBTA costs continued in 1996. Despite a very politicized management the achievements were largely the result of continued increases in ridership and a reduced interest rates. Plans for outsourcing some bus operations and an attempt at arbitrary cuts in the AMTRAK contract for operating commuter rail services failed.

It was thus troubling that the Authority continued its recent policy of effectively stonewalling Advisory Board staff requests for timely information. The clearest example of this has been it's inability to prepare a budget by the October deadline specified in the statutes, instead delaying by several month's a submission that must be acted upon in 45 days by the staff with oversight of its volunteer budget committee. The statutory limit was met by the T from 1984 to 1991. The current administration has failed every year since, either by design or by incompetence.

The T demonstrated a willingness to sacrifice financial accuracy when it submitted a "correction" four months after the end of FY96. The request specified transfers of funds within the original expense line. The amount transferred, about \$25 million -- significant but not a major discrepancy in a budget of \$800 million -- was largely attributable to lack of expected savings from bus privatization and AMTRAK costs. However, the Advisory board reviewed the request and found that balancing "savings" were obtained through use of previously sacrosanct reserve funds and the treatment of capital lease savings as income. When it was discovered that action must be taken either the day after the November 5 election day or during the previous week, the finance committee decided that felt it must act to bring public attention to this ploy. The reaction was swift and political. Pressure on the larger cities and several towns resulted in a vote to override the finance committee's recommendation. The result is that about \$10 million in capital savings were switched to operating income and major reduction in reserve funds must be balanced in upcoming years, to the detriment of future budgets.

As of the end of 1996, no FY98 budget has been submitted. The authority produced an FY97 report, however, which if intended for public use should have been received approximately 15 months earlier.

Sharon took an active role in Advisory Board activities this year, serving on the Executive, Finance, ad hoc Committee on T Finance, and Personnel committees and as chair of the Commuter Rail Committee of a total of approximately 20 sessions. In addition, following review the Selectmen, testimony was given in opposition to the Hynes bill. This bill, the product of a gubernatorial and legislatively appointed study committee, would have removed 15 so-called "unserved" towns from the district and transferred responsibility and costs of commuter rail to a separate agency whose operating costs would have been subject to assessment on cities and towns in a newly created "district". The bill died in committee as did a bill to abolish the Advisory Board. During the coming year, it is the view that Advisory Board efforts to monitor maintenance and service performance must be emphasized.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL AND THE THREE RIVERS INTERLOCAL COUNCIL

George B. Bailey

MAPC functions as the town's regional transportation and land use planning advisory group. Economic development, environmental protection, open space acquisition, housing planning and assistance with inter-community cooperation evolve from this responsibility.

Transportation planning involving federal and, to an increasing extent, state funds give MAPC a prime role in prioritization and tracking state agency implementation. Without such a regional body to

document and publicize through periodic reporting, local officials would be largely limited to state highway staff and the MBTA Board of Directors' for information on capital programs.

MAPC's most notable achievement this year has been the agreement reached with the state transportation officialdom for a restructured "MPO", the Federal designation of Metropolitan Planning Organization, created to give all the urbanized areas in the nation a regional planning role in the allocation of transportation funds. The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) increased emphasis on this requirement and a result, under federal pressure, the Weld administration agreed to enlarge the Boston MPO from the current six agencies (4 state: EOTC, MHD, MassPort, MBTA, and 2 local government: MAPC and MBTA Advisory Board) to those six plus Mass Turnpike (state), Boston and 3 cities and 3 town CEOs elected from the remaining 100 municipalities of the MAPC region. The structure for nominations was built around the eight subregions which form the limits for city and town membership; no more than one from each except that the inner core (which represents nearly 40% of the population) may have two as long as one is a city. The process is complex, including a division of funds and a consensus rule for voting and is, as always in a democracy, imperfect. Responsibly executed, the allocation of funds can be fairly and, even imaginatively, administered.

Transportation funds continue to be a problem. The state share of regional funds, allocated by state agencies, with guidance from the region, amounts to about \$90 million -- primarily for bridges and the Interstate and National Highway Systems but to include transit-related and pedestrian / bicycling projects within the region. A minimum of \$40 million will be available solely for city and town projects (not including Chapter 90) other than bridges and NHS.

Meanwhile Central Artery expenditures will amount to \$1.1 Billion in FY97, increasing \$100 million per year until peaking at \$1.3 B. Although the bulk of funding has been Federal, operation and completion may require a state share of \$1 B in 1999 and substantial maintenance and operation costs after completion. The estimated \$17 million in 2002 does not exceed, however, the cost of operating the Turnpike Boston extension of \$22 million, and the three tunnels at \$24 million. Unless the state makes the users pay for these facilities, the funds available for projects elsewhere in the region will be severely limited. It is now practical to extract user charges from vehicles electronically and this could be installed at Central Artery entrances or at other locations on I93 North and South. The alternative is doubled tunnel and bridge tolls. Legislative leadership will be necessary to develop a program to fairly apportion the financial costs. It is hoped that the Governor's attempt to eliminate tolls on the Western segment (NY border to 128) will not be executed since operation and maintenance costs of this segment will further deplete state transportation funds otherwise available to other cities and towns.

The Towns representative continues as a member of the MPO (Transportation) Committee - meeting monthly -- and in September, was elected to fill a vacancy on the Executive Committee. On January 4, 1997, the MAPC may be reached via the web at <http://www.mapc.org>.

Three Rivers Interlocal Council (TRIC)

TRIC is made up of eight regional towns and meets ten times a year to review sub-regional problems and the details of the State / MPO Transportation Improvement Plans and to share planning and economic issues facing member towns. Programs reviewed include the Neponset River Basin Initiative, Route 1 South Corridor Study, the Neponset Chamber of Commerce' TMA (Transportation Management Association), the Route 93/95 (Randolph to Wellesley) Add-a-lane study, and the Northeast Corridor Improvement Project (High Speed Rail), particularly as it effects the Route 128 Station planning by MBTA. The MAPC Representative has continued to represent the town on TRIC at its monthly meetings.

NORFOLK COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

Town of Sharon

The operational Project Program integrates all proven technologies into a system of mosquito control that is rational, safe, effective and economically feasible. All mosquito eggs need stagnant water to hatch and to sustain larval growth.

Source Reduction Work: Our primary efforts are concentrated on the drainage of shallow, standing, stagnant water, and the maintenance of existing flow systems which contribute to mosquito breeding sources.

- Drainage ditches hand cleaned: 5,177 feet
- Brush obstructions cut: 6,995 feet
- Drainage reconstructed by wide-track backhoe: 1,628 feet

Larviciding: Treatment of mosquito larvae during aquatic development is the next most effective control effort. The Project has begun to rely more on briquet applications, which provides a more site specific, sustained type of control for the mosquito larvae.

- Larvicide with briquets: Total briquets: 1,826 3.99 acres
- Larvicide with mistblower: Total gallons: 63.5 63.5 acres

Adulticiding: The suppression of flying adult mosquitoes becomes necessary when they are numerous, annoying, or threatening to residents. All fogging is done in response to adult surveillance which includes logging of citizen complaints.

- Adulticide fogging (1/20z./acre) from trucks: Total gallons: 19.7 5,043.2 acres

Surveillance: In an effort to more fully implement an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach, the Project has expanded data collection and surveillance. Surveys, inspections, and monitoring in support of our program include locating and mapping larval breeding areas. Locations of nuisance populations of adult mosquitoes are also identified through the surveillance program.

- Total man hours in town: 670.5 hours

The Project received 176 calls from residents for information and assistance.

THE PLANNING BOARD

ARNOLD COHEN, CHAIR
PHILIP KOPEL, VICE CHAIR
ROGER STEIN, CLERK
SAMUEL SOLOMON
WILLIAM AITKENHEAD
BIRUTE ZIAUGRA, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Planning Board met 24 times in public session, held three public hearings and convened two times in Executive Session. There were no definitive subdivision plans submitted. However, there were three preliminary plans, two of which were disapproved and one was approved. Numerous Form A Plans (Approval Not Required) were submitted and acted upon.

Subdivisions that were submitted for action were:

Christina Estates, Preliminary (off Old Wolomolopoag) - disapproved
King's Rock Estates, Preliminary (off Mansfield Street) - approved
Woodridge Estates, Preliminary (off Glenview Road) - disapproved

Additional business included acceptance, reduction and substitution of sureties on subdivisions approved in earlier years; meetings with town representatives and committee members of the Post Office Square Revitalization committee; meetings with the potential developer of 66 South Main Street regarding site approval; review and revision of the Board's Rules and Regulations; drafting of design guidelines; numerous meetings with the Qadian Village representatives regarding subdivision conformance; working with the MacIntosh Farms subdivision regarding revisions; meetings with concerned individuals regarding town sidewalks; review and drafting of language for telecommunication towers by-laws; meetings regarding the future subdivision of Rattlesnake Hill; addressing numerous other concerns in various subdivisions. Other previously-approved subdivisions that came before the Board for action were Townsman Square IV, Williams Road, Hickory Way and Indian Ridge.

The Planning Board is especially proud of Philip Kopel for all the hours he put in with the Post Office Square Revitalization Committee and being awarded the Planning Project Award from the American Planning Association.

The Board also wishes to recognize Roger Stein for the many hours he has spent, and continues to spend, working with the High School Renovation Committee.

During the spring, William Aitkenhead completed his term on the Board, and Roger Stein was elected to fill the vacancy at the Annual Town Election. Because of a move out of state, Marleen Newman resigned her position with the Board, and William Aitkenhead was appointed by the Selectmen to serve the remainder of her term.

The Board sincerely wishes to express its appreciation and compliments to the other Town Boards, Town employees and many citizens who have assisted us during the year. In particular, special mention must be made regarding the invaluable contributions made by the Board's Administrative Assistant, Ms. Birute Ziaugra, and the Town Engineer, Robert Vey. Due to their consistent and tireless assistance, the Board has been able to implement its decisions with maximum efficiency and accuracy.

SELF HELP INCORPORATED

Norma Wang, Administrative/Personnel Assistant

During the program year ending September 30, 1996, Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately \$8.6M and provided direct services to 17,202 limited income households in the area.

In the town of Sharon SHI provided services totaling \$23,663 to 57 households during program year 1996.

The total funding of \$8,615,509 does not tell the real value of human services delivered to the area as a whole. Self Help's funding enabled us to mobilize an additional \$1, 258,647 of other community resources such as, contributions from the towns, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the gross value of Self Help, Inc., during the past program year was \$10, 143, 470.

Self Help currently employs 248 individuals, many of whom are of limited income, minorities, and who reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 1995 through September 30, 1996 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many limited income individuals and/or families as we did, in spite of the challenges and uncertainties with which we were faced, and decreases in funding we experienced.

We thank all the volunteers, Boards of Selectmen, and their representative(s) to our Board of Directors, representatives of the limited income sector, and representatives of the private sector for helping to make Fiscal Year 1996 a success.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICE GROUP

Catherine Salisbury, Regional Administrator

Your community is one of eighteen cities and towns in Southeastern Massachusetts which belongs to SERSG.

ABOUT SERSG

The mission of SERSG is: "To serve as a catalyst and implementer for member communities to act jointly to solve governmental problems or to deliver services to their citizens more effectively or efficiently."

The SERSG communities as well as municipalities throughout the state and nation realize that certain goods can be procured and services delivered more cheaply and efficiently by employing economies of scale. However, the price of consolidation often has been a loss of citizen participation in local affairs, a growing bureaucracy, and finally, a case of governmental arteriosclerosis.

The SERSG approach to regionalism is unique. It is grass-roots regionalism wholly consistent with the long and rich tradition of flinty independence which has characterized local government in New England for more than three centuries. Unlike other approaches to regionalism which typically favor imposition from above of "one size fits all" solutions to problems, SERSG utilizes a voluntary "bottom up" approach. SERSG regional initiatives are requested by member municipalities and are tailored to meet the precise needs of those communities which are participating in that particular initiative. No community participates in an initiative it does not want or need.

SERSG is a bargain as well. Your community's sole obligation to SERSG is to pay the annual SERSG assessment. It is established annually by the SERSG Board made up of the Town Manager, Town Administrator, Executive Secretary, Mayor or similar official of each SERSG community. For the past several years and for the coming year, that assessment is only \$3100 per community.

SERSG IN 1996

1996 was SERSG's fourth year of operation and was one of solid accomplishment and growth. SERSG continued to prepare and supervise joint procurements of various goods and services for its member communities. Its largest procurement was for DPW supplies and services totaling more than \$6.9 million. The SERSG communities saved approximately \$600,000 on this procurement alone over what other communities are paying for comparable goods and services that they purchase individually. Similarly, SERSG communities enjoyed a 62% savings off catalog prices when buying office supplies under the SERSG procurement.

SERSG also assisted municipalities in preparing to efficiently implement drug and alcohol testing programs for municipal commercial motor vehicle operators mandated by the recent Federal Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act. SERSG also continued its annual program of in-service training for municipal employees and continued to keep its members abreast of change- particularly change having regional implications. Among issues being

monitored actively by SERSG this year are de-regulation in both the telecommunications and electric utility industries. Cities and towns are significant users of electrical power and de-regulation may provide attractive opportunities for the exercise of group purchasing power.

LOOKING FORWARD

I believe SERSG's future is bright with promise. There are many opportunities and advantages in banding together with neighboring communities to solve certain common problems and to provide certain goods and services to your citizens. The challenge is to do it in a way that recognizes the traditional independence and citizen participation which characterizes local government in Massachusetts and does not bring with it the disease of bureaucracy and governmental arteriosclerosis. Most knowledgeable observers believe that County government will be abolished in 1997- finally succumbing to just the maladies mentioned above. What will replace county government in Massachusetts? There are several models under discussion. One of them, which I believe is the best, is the SERSG model. Its voluntary, bottom-up approach to regionalism recognizes the importance of citizen participation in strong local government and embodies the lessons learned from the history of county government. Watch this debate as it unfolds in the Legislature and the public press in the coming year.

SERSG in 1997 will continue its basic procurement and training mission. It will also continue to follow actively on behalf of its members de-regulation, particularly electric utility de-regulation. At the suggestion of its members it is currently evaluating initiatives involving emergency water service, regional collection of household hazardous products and recycling. It may seek a Special Act of the Legislature to confer on it public corporate status-largely to facilitate the grant application process.

In closing, I want to thank, on behalf of the SERSG Board, all of the citizens, employees and local officials who have been so helpful to me and SERSG in the past year. SERSG's promise for 1997 remains to "to serve as a catalyst and implementer for member communities desiring to act jointly to solve problems or to deliver services more effectively or efficiently".

REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mrs. Mindy M. Kempner, School Committee Member

The Massachusetts Education Reform Act challenges educators to improve student performance so that all students in the Commonwealth are prepared to be active and productive citizens in the 21st century. The implementation of Education Reform has educators reexamining numerous aspects of school programs, structures, curriculum, performance standards, finance, professional preparation and administrative requirements. Changes in standards for students, teachers, organizational policy and structures have all been made as a result of the Education Reform Act. These changes have had an impact on all school districts and school programs, including vocational-technical education.

This past June the Southeastern Regional School District completed its twenty-ninth year of operation. Southeastern offers twenty-four secondary and seven post-secondary technical training programs. On October 1, 1995 there were 1262 students enrolled in the school district.

Sharon's share of the \$11,655,758 fiscal 97 school budget is \$114,250. This is 2.30% of the assessment and represents twenty-nine students.

Federal grants such as Carl Perkins, Title I, 94-142, competitive Displaced Homemakers, and Regional Employment Board grants were used to offset equipment and personnel costs.

The school district was fortunate to receive donations of equipment, computers, and supplies from district businesses. The automotive department received new Saturn, Chrysler and Ford automobiles. These donations will allow our students to remain current working on new vehicles and state-of-the-art technology.

Our students continue to excel in the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America and Cosmetology students were sent to the national VICA competition. Students also participate in peer counseling, peer mediation, American Diversity Dynamics Club, peace week activities, and Commercial Foods students visited the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York.

Corrine Williams, a Commercial Art student from Brockton, ranking first in her class, was chosen our Most Outstanding Vocational Student and received an award and scholarship that were presented to her at Mechanics Hall in Worcester.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges Fifth-Year Focus Accreditation Visit occurred this past October. The evaluation committee will present their findings to the New England Commission in May of 1997. The Medical Laboratory program received a three and one-half year accreditation based upon progress reports submitted in compliance with nationally stated requirements. Our Licensed Practical Nurse program was also re-accredited by the Massachusetts Board of Accreditation.

Southeastern had an extensive on-site facility assessment by the Department of Environmental Protection who enforces laws, regulations, orders, licenses, permits and approvals in regards to hazardous waste materials and air pollution control. The final report of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs found no non-compliance issues for the school district.

A Teacher Technology Center was established to provide area teachers with high quality, low cost instruction in classroom applications of computers.

The demand for high school and technical institute graduates continues to be very strong and our annual placement rate exceeds 95%.

James J. Leonard, your representative from Sharon, passed away this past June after twenty-five years of service to the school district. Mr. Leonard's dedication and service to Southeastern will be missed.

WATER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fred Clay, Chairman
Larry Goldman, Herb Gould, Bob McGregor,
Roger Thibault, Mark Tinianow, Alison Walsh

Inception and organization

The Water Management Advisory Committee was appointed by the Selectmen in the spring of 1996. It was organized and began work after being fully constituted in June of 1996.

10 meetings were held in 1996 with minutes sent to the Selectmen, Board of Health, and Planning Board.

Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Selectmen regarding the quality and quantity of the Sharon public water supply, and measures to maintain these characteristics at the highest possible level. The issues include well performance, distribution, storage, and control equipment.

Activities

Master Plan Update-We reviewed a proposal by Amory Engineers to update the master plan for the Town water system which was prepared in 1991. We recommended that this plan be updated as per the proposal with modifications, as soon as possible. The update will provide guidance for improvements in well capacity, water storage, and distribution piping.

Nitrates- We reviewed data pertinent to level of nitrate in Town wells, especially with respect to well #4. This activity included reviewing reports prepared by Weston and Sampson, hosting a meeting with the Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection(DEP) at the Town Hall attended by representatives from the Selectmen, Planning Board, and the Board of Health, preparing an RFP to seek professional consultation concerning the Nitrate fluctuations in well #4, and training the Sharon DPW to use the computer nitrate model developed by the DEP. Our consensus, which is supported by the DEP, is that the town is carefully and prudently monitoring our water quality, and that we are not in a crisis situation.

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Water system Controls- We reviewed a proposal by Amory Engineers to refurbish the existing telemetering system. Present equipment is out of date and should be replaced. We recommended that plans and specs for a new system incorporating our suggestions be prepared as soon as possible.

Plans for 1997

Our plans for 1997 include continued surveillance of the nitrate levels with special emphasis on Well #4 . We also will review the 1997 Master Plan and make recommendations to the Selectmen regarding projects which should be undertaken in the immediate future. We plan to monitor the progress of all projects relating to our water supply, and recommend corrective action if schedules are not being met.

1996 TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

SHARON, MASSACHUSETTS

ACCOUNTANT	JOAN M. LEIGHTON	1997
SELECTMEN APPOINTED 3 YEAR	EILEEN M. GENERAZZO, ASST.	1997
ADMINISTRATOR	DONALD HILLEGASS	
DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM SELECTMEN APPOINTED		
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	DIANE MALCOLMSON	1997
SELECTMEN APPOINTED 1 YEAR TERM		
APPEALS BOARD	E. DAVID LEVY - CHAIR.	1997
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	THOMAS KARP - SEC.	1998
3 YEAR TERM - 3 MEMBERS	DAVIS HAMER - ALTERNATE	1999
	EDWARD HERSHFELD - ALTERNATE	1997
	WALTER NEWMAN - ALTERNATE	1997
	HERB GLICKMAN - ALTERNATE	1997
ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL		
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	SHARON DAY	1998
	SHEILA HORWITZ	1998
	GEORGETTE KAFKA	1998
	REISA A. MARLOWE	1999
	JACQUELINE KAHN	1997
	JODI PANDELIDIS	1998
	YANNI PANDELIDIS	1998
	ELAINE RUDNICK	1998
	LORI SCHILL	1998
ASSESSORS	ROBERT MERRITT	1997
ANNUAL ELECTION	ELLEN WOLFSON ABELSON	1998
3 YEAR TERM	PAULA KEEFE	1999
ASSISTANT ASSESSOR	MARK MAZUR	1997
BOARD OF ASSESSORS APPOINTED 1 YEAR TERM		
BOARD OF HEALTH	PAUL S. BIRNBAUM	1998
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	SUSAN OSGOOD PECK	1998
	STANLEY L. ROSEN	1999
	RONNA BERNSTEIN WALLACE	1999
	ALISON WALSH	1997
BURIAL AGENT	SHIRLEY S. DAVENPORT	
SELECTMEN APPOINTED		

CABLE TV OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	MARGARET H. BYNOE	1999
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	MICHAEL A. BALER	1999
	CHARLES I. LEVINE	1999
CANOE RIVER AQUIFER ADVISORY	PATRICK DORCUS	1998
COMMITTEE	GREGORY MEISTER	1998
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	DAVE MASCIARELLI	1999
3 YEAR TERM		
CAPITOL OUTLAY COMMITTEE		
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	BENJAMIN E. PURITZ	
1 MEMBER SELECTMEN	HENRY KATZ	
TREASURER	ROBERT J. UYTTEBROEK	
SELECTMEN APPT. CHMN	DOMINIC J. BUTANOWICZ	
SCHOOL COMM. APPT. 2	CAROLE DAVIS	LINDA LURIE
PLANNING BD. APPT. 2	SANDY KATZ	SAMUEL SOLOMON
FINANCE COMM.APPT. 2	PAUL BOUTON	MICHAEL COPE
CIVIL DEFENSE	BERNARD ROSENBERG - DIRECTOR	
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	MICHAEL CORMAN - DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
	MICHAEL POLIMER - DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY	RALPH BELLIS - CHAIR.	1999
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	SHIRLEY BROWNSTEIN	1999
	DAVID I. CLIFTON	1997
	ROBERT F. NICHOL	1998
	SUNNY NOAH	1997
	DONNA RING	1999
	SIDNEY ROSENTHAL	1999
	ROBERT SONDEHEIM	1997
	FLORENCE S. FINKEL	1999
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	MARGARET ARGUIMBAU-CHAIR	1999
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	PATRICK DORCUS	1997
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	ROBIN GOODBAND	1999
	PETER GRANOFF	1999
DIANE MALCOLMSON - SEC	DONNA S. HALL-LEFF	1997
GREG MEISTER - OFFICER	HANFORD G. LANGSTROTH	1998
	CAROL TOTH	1997
CONSTABLES	JOSEPH S. BERNSTEIN	1999
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	ROBERT MCGRATH	1999
3 YEAR TERM	DANIEL SIRKIN	1999
COUNCIL FOR THE AGING	PAUL MILNER	1997
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	ELLIOT FELDMAN	1997
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	SAUL FINGOLD	1999
	SYLVIA SILBERMAN	1998
	SUSAN E. LUBIN	1999
	ESTHER LEVY	1997
	LILLIAN SAVAGE, CHAIR.	1998
COUNCIL FOR THE AGING		
DIRECTOR	NORMA FITZGERALD	

DEPUTY COLLECTOR APPOINTED BY COLLECTOR	PETER RYAN	1997
DESIGNER SELECTION REVIEW SELECTMEN APPOINTED	CONRAD ANDERSON BENJAMIN PURITZ JOHN SULIK	ELLIOT J. SHRANK
DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION	LEONARD SEGAL - CHAIR	1998
SELECTMEN APPOINTED	ARTHUR KING	1998
MEETINGS - 4TH TUESDAY 5 YEAR TERM		
ENGINEER SELECTMEN APPOINTED	ROBERT VEY	
FENCE VIEWER SELECTMEN APPOINTED	EDWARD WELCH	1997
FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING	LEE BARRON WERNICK	1999
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	PAUL BERGERON	1998
CAROL GARZA-SECRETARY	PAUL E. BOUTON	1997
	LINA BROMBERG	1999
	MARC BLUESTEIN	1997
	MICHAEL COPE	1999
	JANIS EDINBURGH	1999
	TOM GILLEN	1997
	RAYMOND KUBIAK	1998
	HOLLY LITE	1998
	DANIEL SIRKIN	1997
	COLLEEN TUCK	1998
FINANCE COMMITTEE NOMINATING	LEENE CHAVEZ - CHAIR	1997
MODERATOR APPOINTED	PAUL BERGERON	1997
1 YEAR TERM	JOEL FISHMAN	1997
	TERRY GREENSTEIN	1997
	MARGARET S. VERRET	1997
FIRE CHIEF SELECTMEN APPOINTED	JAMES A. POLITO	
GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE 3 YEAR TERMS	EDWARD F. CONNELLY	
MODERATOR APPT 1	LINDA LURIE	
SCHOOL COMM APPT 1	ARNOLD KUBLIN	
PERSONNEL BOARD APPT 1	ANNE CARNEY	ROBERT CARVER
SELECTMEN APPT 2	JANIS EDINBURGH	LEE BARRON WERNICK
FINANCE COMM APPT 2	NICOLE CROMWELL	
PLANNING BOARD APPT 1		

HISTORICAL COMMISSION & HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION SELECTMEN APPOINTED	MELVIN LEVENTHAL-CHAIR SHIRLEY SCHOFIELD-VICE CHAIR CLISTA M. DOW HERBERT GAGNON DAVID G. NELSON ELEANOR HERBURGER - ALTERNATE JOHN NEWELL - ALTERNATE LUCILLE STUBBS - ALTERNATE	1997 1997 1999 1997 1999 1997 1998 1998
HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL ELECTION 5 YEAR TERM	ARNOLD M. KUBLIN JOHN CONNORS IRENE SCOTT - CHAIR D. LURAY WALLACE DEBORAH K. MARKSON-GOV.APPT.	2001 1998 1997 2000 1998
HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE SELECTMEN APPOINTED	NICOLE CROMWELL JANE DESBERG RICHARD MARTIN PETER RASKIN ALISON WALSH	1997 1998 1997 1997 1997
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY SELECTMEN APPOINTED 5 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS	PETER BAGARELLA STEPHEN BERISH	1998 1997
INSPECTORS- SELECTMEN APPOINTED OF ANIMALS OF BUILDINGS OF PLUMBING & GAS OF WIRING	CLIFFORD GOODBAND JOSEPH X. KENT EDWARD FORSBERG JAMES B. DELANEY	
INTERMEDIATE & WILBUR SCHOOL REUTILIZATION COMMITTEE	MITCHELL BLAUSTEIN DAVID CROCKER JR. HAROLD FIENBERG ROBIN GOODBAND	JAMES D.KENDALL KAREN LAMKIN COLLEEN TUCK- (CHAIR)
LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SELECTMEN - APPT 2 PLANNING BOARD - APPT 2 CONSERVATION CO - APPT 2	NICOLE CROMWELL DAVID DEITZ MICHAEL BAGLINO RICHARD KRAMER CLIFFORD TOWNER	WALTER NEWMAN
LIBRARY DIRECTOR	KIP ROBERSON	
LIBRARY TRUSTEES ANNUAL ELECTION 3 YEAR TERM	MARCIA BRIDGEMAN DAVID CROCKER, JR. SHARON L. DAY KATHLEEN HAWES LESLIE A. MYATT MARK L. SNYDER	1999 1999 1997 1998 1998 1997

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNER
COMMISSION

PAUL ARES	JOSEPH BERNSTEIN
STUART GREEN	BARRY JORDAN
WALTER JOHNSON	HENRY KATZ
GREGG O'RYAN	JAMES A. POLITO
BERNARD ROSENBERG	JOHN SULIK

MAPC REPRESENTATIVE
METROPOLITAN AREA
PLANNING COUCIL

GEORGE BAILEY

MEASURERS -
SELECTMEN APPOINTED
OF LUMBER
OF WOOD & BARK

JOSEPH PETROSKY	1997
CHARLES GARNHUM	1997
ROBERT MORSE	1997

MODERATOR
ANNUAL ELECTION
3 YEAR TERM

GEORGE E. DONOVAN	1999
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NORFOLK COUNTY ADVISORY
BOARD
SELECTMEN APPOINTED

EDWIN S. LITTLE

PARKING OFFICER
SELECTMEN APPOINTED

ROBERT UYTTEBROEK

PERSONNEL BOARD
MODERATOR APPOINTED
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS
SECRETARY -
PEGGY LOPRESTI

THOMAS G. QUIN - CHAIR	1997
MICHAEL H. GROVE	1998
COLLEEN TUCK	1999
PATRICIA J. WALKER	1997
ROBERT OEHRLEIN	1997

PLANNING BOARD
ANNUAL ELECTION
MEETINGS/TUESDAYS 7:30
SEC/BIRUTE ZIAUGRA
5 YEAR TERM

ARNOLD E. COHEN	1998
PHILIP KOPEL	1999
WILLIAM AITKENHEAD	1997
SAMUEL B. SOLOMON	2000
ROGER STEIN	2001

POLICE CHIEF

JOSEPH S. BERNSTEIN

PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
2 SELECTMEN
2 SCHOOL COMM MEMBERS
2 FINANCE COMM MEMBERS

HENRY KATZ	RONI THALER
MITCHELL BLAUSTEIN	BARBARA ZAMCHECK
JANIS EDINBURGH	LEE WERNICK/ PAUL BOUTON

PUBLIC WORKS
SUPERINTENDENT

JOHN SULIK

RECREATION COMMITTEE
SELECTMEN APPOINTED
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS
MEETINGS-FIRST MONDAY

MICHAEL GINSBERG-CHAIR	1998
LARRY FINKELMAN	1998
MARJORIE FRYE	1998
LOUIS KAFKA	1998
BENJAMIN PURITZ	1998
PATRICK TERRY	1997

RECREATION DIRECTOR SELECTMEN APPOINTED	DAVID I. CLIFTON JOHN T. CONNORS - ASSISTANT	
RECYCLING ADVISORY COMM SELECTMEN APPOINTED	GEORGE ARONSON - CHAIR WILLIAM AITKENHEAD EVELYN BALLIN SHARON BRIGGS SUSAN HILLMAN-GOETZ CONSTANCE KEEGAN ELISSA ROYAL LYNN WOLBARST	
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS 3 YEAR TERM	SHIRLEY S. DAVENPORT - CLERK EARL GASHIN C.A. JIMMY JEMMOTT PETER R. BAGARELLA	1999 1997 1998 1999
SACRED HEART CONVERSION	MICHAEL BASKIN DAVID A. FORGIEL RICHARD KRAMER	HOWARD V. LEVINE FRANK NAGLE ELI SILBERZWEIG
SANITARIAN SELECTMEN APPOINTED	JACK LAPUCK	
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE	MARGARET ARGUIMBAU ROBERT BERISH ANNE CARNEY	STEPHEN DILL GLENN STEWART
SCHOOL COMMITTEE ANNUAL ELECTION	ROBERT BERISH MITCHELL BLAUSTEIN CAROLE S. DAVIS LINDA R. LURIE BARBARA J. ZAMCHECK SUSAN FRIED	1998 1997 1997 1999 1998 1997
SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES	JAMES MATHEWS	1997
SELECTMEN ANNUAL ELECTION MEETINGS/THURSDAYS 7:30	NORMAN KATZ HENRY D. KATZ RONI THALER, CHAIR	1998 1999 1997
SHARON HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION COMMITTEE	PAUL BERGERON PHILLIP S. CHAPMAN PETER EVANS PAUL JAMES SAMSON S. LIAO	ROGER STEIN FRANK VANZLER EDWARD WELCH LINDA LURIE
SIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE SELECTMEN APPOINTED	KENNETH SAWYER-CHAIR DIANE CURTIS STEPHEN SHAMBAN	1999 1999 1997
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL	MINDY MARCIA KEMPNER	

SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE
ANNUAL ELECTION/3YR TERM

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER
SELECTMEN APPOINTED

JOSEPH PETROSKY

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

BENJAMIN E. PURITZ

TOWN CLERK
ANNUAL ELECTION
3 YEAR TERM

SHIRLEY S. DAVENPORT 1999

MARLENE B. CHUSED - ASSISTANT 1999

TOWN COUNSEL

RICHARD GELEMAN 1997

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
SELECTMEN APPOINTED
3 YEAR STAGGERED TERMS

MITCHELL BLAUSTEIN 1998

EARL GASHIN 1999

LEONARD BERKOWITZ 1999

TREASURER-COLLECTOR
SELECTMEN APPOINTED

ROBERT J. UYTTEBROEK 1997

ASSISTANT TREASURER
ASSISTANT COLLECTOR

JEAN HEALY 1997

JEAN F. COFFEY 1997

TREE WARDEN
SELECTMEN APPOINTED

KEVIN WEBER

TRUSTEES SHARON FRIENDS
SCHOOL FUND
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ELEANOR HERBERGER MORTON KAUFMAN

CORRINE HERSHMAN ROBERT UYTTEBROEK

DORCHESTER & SURPLUS
REVENUE FUND

CHANDLER JONES ROBERT UYTTEBROEK

EDMUND TALBOT FUND

ALBERT BLACKLER ELEANOR HERBURGER

ROBERT CURRIE

VETERANS' AGENT,
GRAVES OFFICER &
BURIAL AGENT
SELECTMEN APPOINTED

PAUL BERGERON 1997

VETERANS' ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
SELECTMEN APPOINTED

PAUL BERGERON - DIRECTOR
ALBERT BLACKLER REV ROBERT BULLOCK
HARVEY FORMAN PAUL KAPLAN
JAMES J. LEONARD
EDWARD J. ROACH

WATER MANAGEMENT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FREDERICK CLAY, CHAIR.
RORY MC GREGOR
LARRY GOLDMAN
HERB GOULD
ROGER THIBAUT
MARK TINIANOW
ALISON WALSH

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1997

PLAYGROUND CAMP

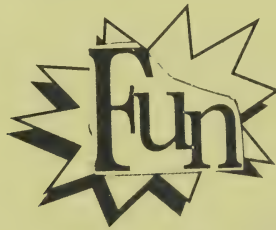


TOWN OF SHARON RECREATION

SUMMER CAMP-REATION PROGRAM

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DR. WALTER A. GRIFFIN PLAYGROUND



TWO 4-WEEK SESSIONS
SESSION I - JUNE 23-JULY 18
SESSION II - JULY 21-AUGUST 15
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30-3:30

1997 PLAYGROUND CAMP SEASON

Lunch: All campers are required to bring lunches on a daily basis (except on cookout days).

Playground Camp Registration Procedure: Registration will be on a first come first serve basis due to the limited space available. Registration will take place from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. beginning April 7, 1997 at the Sharon Community Center. The fee is due and payable on registration day in order to confirm the space or spaces. We will not hold any reservations without full payment fronted upon registration for either Session I or Session II.

Playground Camp Payment: All checks can be made payable to the "Town of Sharon". The fee includes a t-shirt, swimming lessons and daily camp activities.

Ages: The Recreation Department Playground Program is open to all Sharon boys & girls ages 6 - 12 (must turn 6 by July 1, 1996 and cannot be 13 before July 1st).

Rainy Day Schedule: If it is raining prior to the start of the camp day - campers should report to the Community Center. If it rains during the camp day, the campers will be bused to the Community Center for inside activities or a gymnasium for athletic activities.

Special Event Trips: A separate fee will be charged for all Friday field trips.

Time/Place: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Dr. Walter A. Griffin Playground on Ames Street.



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SUMMER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Learn to Swim Program - (Ages 5 & over)

Memorial Park Beach Docks

(3) Three week sessions

Session I: June 23 - July 11

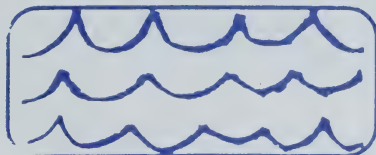
Session II: July 14 - August 1

Session III: August 4 - August 22

Fees: \$40.00 Individual

\$60.00 Family of two

\$75.00 Family of three or more



Youth Sailing Program - (Grades 5 & Over)

Community Center Beach

(2) Three week sessions

Session I: July 7 - July 25

Session II: July 28 - August 15

Fees: \$150.00 Individual

\$275.00 Family

\$175.00 Non-resident



Summer Playground Program - (Ages 6 - 12)

Dr. Walter A. Griffin Playground (Ames St.)

(2) Four week sessions

Session I: June 23 - July 18

Session II: July 21 - August 15

Fees \$200.00 Individual

\$350.00 Family of two

\$500.00 Family of three or more



Youth Tennis Program - (Ages 7 & over)

Deborah Sampson Park

(3) Three week sessions

Session I: June 23 - July 11

Session II: July 14 - August 1

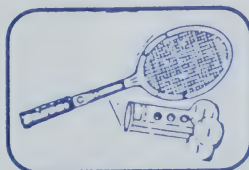
Session III: August 4 - August 22

Fees: \$40.00 Individual

\$60.00 Family of two

\$75.00 Family of three or more

(Additional cost for jersey)



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Pre-School Swim - (Ages 3 & 4; 6 Saturday mornings)

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10

Fee: \$30.00 per child

(Parent must accompany child)



Horseback Riding Lessons - (Ages 6 & over)

Mondays in June, July & August

Place: Deborah Sampson Park, E. Foxboro St.

Register: Call June Gillis (784-0635)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Small Fry Fishing Derby (Ages 14 & under)

Saturday, May 3, 1997

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon / Community Center Beach



Rotary Carnival & Amusement Rides

May 8 - 11, 1997

Deborah Sampson Parking Lot, E. Foxboro St.

Annual Independence Day Celebration

Memorial Park Beach

Fireworks, Thursday July 3rd at 9:30 p.m.

Road Race around Lake Massapoag - Sunday, June 29, 1997

Sponsored by the 4th of July Committee

Summer Lakeside Concert Series

Every Wednesday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20

Memorial Park Beach Bandstand



Triathlon

Sunday, August 10, 1997

Memorial Park Beach (7:00 a.m.)

½ mile swim, 12 mile bike, 4.4 mile run

REGISTRATION DATES

May 5 - 30 Weekdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon; 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Registrations are held at the Community Center.

Other activities will be listed in the local newspaper, Cable TV and also in the 1977 summer brochure which will be distributed at various locations in town as well as the Community Center.

SUMMER RECREATION

First Night Sharon '98

Be a Part of the Celebration!

Come to Our

Open House

**Ask Questions
Meet the Committee
Learn about First Night**

Enjoy Refreshments and Entertainment

**Thursday, May 1, 1997
8 - 9 P.M.**

Sharon Community Center

**First Night
PERFORMING
ARTISTS**

**Wanted
Call 784-8197**

LOGO CONTEST

**Enter
Your Design
for the First Night 98
button by June 1st.**

**Send to:
First Night Logo
P.O. Box 102
Sharon, MA 02067**

Questions? Call 784-4170

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

	<u>Emergencies</u>	<u>Regular Business</u>
AMBULANCE	784-2121	784-1522
POLICE DEPT.	784-3535	784-1587
FIRE DEPT.	784-2121	784-1522
CIVIL DEFENSE	784-5631	784-6993
HIGHWAY, WATER		
Weekdays	784-1525	
Nights, Weekends,		
Holidays	784-1587	

FOR INFORMATION ON:

Aging, Programs For	Community Center	784-8000
Assessments	Assessors	784-1507
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk	784-1505
Building Permits	Building Inspector	784-1529
Conservation	Conservation Commission	784-1511
Death Certificates	Town Clerk	784-1505
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	784-1505
Elections	Town Clerk	784-1505
Engineering	Engineer	784-1525
Game Warden	Mass. Fish & Game	617-724-3151
Refuse Collection	DPW	784-1525
Housing, Elderly	Hixson Farm Complex	784-2733
Marriage Certificates	Town Clerk	784-1505
Medicaid	State Welfare	762-6300
Mortgages, Chattel	Town Clerk	784-1505
Mosquito Control	Norfolk County Control	762-3681
Recreation	Community Center	784-1530
Schools	Superintendent's Office	784-1570
Self-Help	Brockton Office	508-588-5440
Snow Removal	DPW	784-1525
Streets	DPW	784-1525
Tax Assessments	Assessors	784-1507
Taxes, Collection	Tax Collector	784-1500
Tobacco Control	NMS Tobacco Control	508-261-7316
Trees	DPW	784-1525
Voting & Registration	Town Clerk	784-1505
Water	DPW	784-1525
Welfare	State Welfare	762-6300
Wiring	Wiring Inspector	784-1525
Zoning	Building Inspector	784-1529

CITIZENS INFORMATION SERVICE

1-800-392-6090

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